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Maesteg fundraising group wins top award

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The fundraising in the community award is presented to Maesteg Local Committee.

A MAESTEG fundraising group, which has so far raised more than £500,000 for Cancer Research UK, has received a national award from the charity in recognition of its outstanding contribution to the cause.

The charity's annual 'Flame of Hope' awards acknowledges efforts in fundraising and volunteering made by people from all walks of life.

Maesteg Local Committee scooped the Fundraising in the Community accolade, beating off stiff competition from across the UK.

It picked up the award at a ceremony in London hosted by Cancer Research UK's Chairman, Sir Leszek Borysiewicz.

An audience at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, heard how the group has shown exceptional dedication to Cancer

Research UK by raising more than £23,000 during its 50th anniversary year.

Tony Mullins, who has been the committee's chairman for 29 years, said: "Our branch meets once a month and it's more like a family of extremely supportive members, with 12 of us involved in total."

"We plan an event every month such as quiz nights, silent auctions, street collections and carol singing at our local Tesco store."

"In 2016 we celebrated our 50th anniversary year. I am so proud of our members, supporters, sponsors, civic dignitaries and the wider public, who collectively helped us raise a fantastic total of £23,417.47."

"Putting this into perspective, our small Welsh Valley has 21,000 inhabitants; the kindness of local people as been phenomenal."

Tony and the rest of committee are delighted with their well-deserved award.

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Local school puts an action plan in place after inspectors' comments

INSPECTORS from Estyn have recommended that staff at Nottage Primary School in Porthcawl, should put together an action plan to address comments made in a recent report.

The school was inspected in February and the report was published in late April.

Nottage Primary received praise in a number of areas, but in key stage 2, there were "too many weaknesses" in pupils' writing in English.

The school was praised by the inspectors in the following areas:

- Most pupils make good progress during their time at the school.
- Nearly all pupils behave well and have positive attitudes towards their learning.

* Arrangements for ensuring pupils' health and wellbeing are thorough and successful.

• The curriculum provides a varied range of interesting learning experiences that match the needs and interests of many pupils.

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PORTHCAWL CARNIVAL IS BACK FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR

THE Porthcawl Carnival is back for another year, and this year the theme is 'musicals'.

Floats will be decorated with scenes from popular shows such as *Grease* or *The Lion King*. Organisers are optimistic that the costumes and floats are going to be the best ever at the carnival.

The procession is going to be starting around 1.30pm but floats will assemble at Sandy Bay behind New Road School at 1pm to get ready to wave to locals as they drive past.

As in previous years, there will be walking groups, also in costume.

The route will be the same as last year, and will end at Porthcawl Rugby Club, where they will have a travelling fair, numerous stalls and food outlets. There is no cost

for entrance, and the lorries, drivers, and insurance are provided by Porthcawl Buccaneers.

There will be a chance for people to donate because volunteers will have buckets for donations to help the community and charities.

There will be some temporary road closures for the float display, New Road, then Eastern Promenade, towards

John Street, up onto Mary Street, then heading to Fenton Place, ending up on South Road towards the Rugby Club

(Fitzhamon Road). The Buccaneers Porthcawl Carnival should end around 8pm.

A spokesman said: "I know many people won't want the festivities to end. It is going to be a great day out for the kids and the adults."

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MAESTEG REMEMBERS LOCAL HEROES OF PASSCHENDAELE

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OFFICIALLY known as the Third Battle of Ypres, Passchendaele (July 31 – November 6, 1917) became infamous, not only for the scale of casualties, but also for the mud.

It had taken over three months, 325,000 Allied and 260,000 German casualties to do little more than make the bump of the Ypres.

Thirty two of those soldiers killed were from Maesteg and on Saturday, July 15 at Our Lady and St Patrick's Catholic Church Maesteg a concert and service of Remembrance was held.

Taking part were children from the local schools, The Gleemen, and soloist Rhian Lyndsey.

The introduction was by Stuart Bevan Royal British Legion and district chairman, and Roy Meredith and Michael Banks presented a poem and Family Act of Remembrance.

Maesteg Town Council offices currently have an exhibition open which is free to attend. The exhibition features the Passchendaele conflict in detail, with many startling facts and information revealed.



COMMUNITY-MINDED PUPILS OF PORTHCAWL

THIS time last year, our year-10 students at Porthcawl Comprehensive School completed improvements to Cosy Corner, near the harbour – as part of the community project section of the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification.

The improvements were enjoyed all summer long by residents and visitors, and pupils had tremendous satisfaction from improving the local area. This year, the students set themselves the task of restoring the Locks Lane footpath/cycle track for the same community project.

During the last week of term, year-10 pupils and teachers spent two days widening the path, cutting back overhanging branches and brambles, exposing the existing stone wall and making the track usable again for everyone. We hope that the local residents enjoy the benefits during the summer and beyond.

At the same time, many students volunteered their services in the Porthcawl area – giving their time to charity shops, the library, and primary schools as part of a project to give something back to the local community.

On July 18 staff and pupils were bolstered by the support of members of the RAF and the Army to complete their annual charity Lavender Walk, of approximately 12 miles to the Prince of Wales in

Kenfig.

On July 19, with the support of Keep Wales Tidy, pupils also spent a day cleaning up the beaches of Rest Bay and Pink Bay and thoroughly enjoyed making a positive contribution to the town.

Andrew Slade
Headteacher

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
20 Thur	03.53	8.7	16.28	8.9
21 Fri	04.59	9.0	17.33	9.2
22 Sat	06.03	9.4	18.31	9.7
23 Sun	06.59	9.8	19.25	10.1
24 Mon	07.53	10.2	20.14	10.3
25 Tues	08.41	10.3	20.59	10.2
26 Wed	09.25	10.1	21.42	10.1
27 Thur	10.08	9.9	22.25	9.7

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RNLI in race to save stranded fishing boat

PORTHCAWL RNLI were called out in rough weather on Saturday evening (July 15) after a fishing boat was beached at Southerndown after reporting engine problems.

At 7.02pm HM Coastguard Agency paged Porthcawl RNLI volunteer crew to go to the aid of the boat. With a strong

incoming tide the two persons on board had decided to beach the craft at Southerndown.

Both Porthcawl lifeboats were launched with a total of seven crew. When they arrived on scene they found the boat on the sand with the two persons safe on the beach.

Following discussions between the lifeboat crew and Llantwit Major Coastguard Unit, who

were also in attendance, a decision was made to attempt to re-float the casualty.

With the RNLI D-class lifeboat, *Jean Ryall*, able to operate in shallow water, a tow line was used to take the casualty boat off the beach and into deep water.

Crew member Chris Page said: "Weather conditions were deteriorating throughout the callout, the thick drizzle and mist brought visibility

down to about a quarter of a mile and the wind gusted up to Force 7.

"During our tow off the beach we had to manoeuvre through breaking waves up to six feet high. Once out beyond the breakers, we were able to transfer the tow over to our larger Atlantic 85 lifeboat, *Rose of the Shires*.

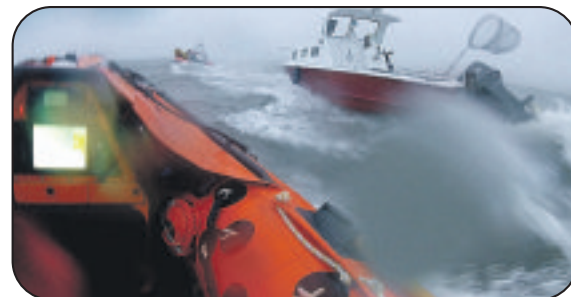
"Unfortunately during the tow to Porthcawl the rough conditions caused the tow line to break twice off Ogmere by Sea".

Deputy launch authority at Porthcawl, Aileen Jones said: "The casualties, who sailed out of Cardiff, were planning to do some fishing in the Bristol Channel and stop overnight at Porthcawl Marina.

"With the worsening weather conditions beaching their boat meant they were safe but if we had not been able to tow their boat off the beach it would have been wrecked as the incoming tide would have smashed it onto the rocky shoreline.

"With our crews at sea for two hours in worsening conditions we were relieved that both the casualties and our crews were safe".

Llantwit Coastguard Unit transported the two casualties to Porthcawl by road while lifeboat crews secured their boat in the marina before returning to station.



Rough seas caused the tow line to break twice.

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THE next market will take place from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday, July 22 at the Griffin Park Community Hall, New Road, Porthcawl.

Among producers attending will be Chris Hall from Abergavenny with a range of organic fresh vegetables, Penrhif Farm organic meat and Lucy's Larder with freshly baked bread and cakes. There will also be a range of local craft producers.

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It's open day at the Squirrel's Nest as the Tondy Men's Shed group welcome visitors

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The Squirrel's Nest in Tondy has been making a name for itself as a place where men of a certain age can go and relax, chat, and try their hand at making quite a variety of items in wood or metal.

Last Thursday, July 13, they held a community open day. Among the visitors was Ian Thomas, the chief executive of Age Cymru.

The Squirrel's Nest is part of the fast-growing 'Men's Shed' movement – an international scheme aimed at giving retired men an improved social life. More information is available from:

www.mensshedsymru.co.uk/squirrels-nest-mens-shed-bridgend or call 01656 720009



Sker WI hear why nursery rhymes were toned down!

ON Thursday, July 13, president Nora Williams welcomed 40 members and one visitor to Sker WI's meeting.

Following the usual mix of business and communication, Nora introduced this month's guest speaker Joyce James.

Joyce's topic was 'The History of Nursery Rhymes'. As well as encouraging enthusiastic audience participation, Joyce gave an extraordinary insight into the often dark history of these seemingly innocent children's rhymes.

It became clear from Joyce's research that they were actually based in political satire from an age when to mock or criticise royalty or politicians was often met with severe penalty including, in some cases, the death penalty.

Joyce explained that the characters within the rhymes were usually coded messages for influential figures of the day. It would appear that over time, 'nursery' rhymes were toned down from their often violent and explicit original versions. In our more politically aware modern age, Joyce reported that children are once again being taught nursery rhymes, but in much gentler and child friendly

styles. Irene Boyles thanked Joyce for reminding us of some of the rhymes from our childhoods and those that we used to teach to our own children and grandchildren. She also thanked Joyce for raising our awareness of the alternate history of nursery rhymes.

Members were looking forward to the summer trip to Abergwilli railway and Carmarthen on July 19.

Some dates for the diary are Sker WI's summer fair, to be held at Trinity Church Hall from 10am – 12 noon on Friday, July 21 and the WI Glamorgan Show on Saturday, July 22 from 10am – 5pm at North Cornelly Community Centre. Both events will be filled with the best that WI can offer, from the finest cakes and preserves to excellent arts and crafts. Everyone is welcome.

This month's competition was something beginning with G. In first place was Jackie Rees, second was Yvonne Gutteridge and third was Marian Millis.

Finally, I have an apology to give to Gwen and Bill, speakers from the June meeting. I forgot to let people know that Samaritans have a 24-hour national Freephone number – 116123.

There will be no meeting in August, but normally Sker WI meets at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month at St David's Church Hall, Nottage village. The next meeting will be on September 14 and our guest speaker will be Gaynor Jones with a talk on quilting and display. Visitors are always welcome and we would love to meet you, so come along and say hello! CHRISTINE BEYNON

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Police urge caution following a spate of thefts from vans

POLICE in the Bridgend area are urging van owners to ensure valuables are removed from vehicles overnight, following a number of thefts and attempted thefts.

Like other areas in south Wales, it has seen a spike in auto-crime, with vans, in particular, being targeted for valuable tools.

At around 10pm on Monday, July 10, a van was broken into on Merthyr Mawr Road and valuable tools stolen, before three men were disturbed breaking into a van on Heol Maes yr Haf just half an hour later.

The following night, between 10.15pm and 11pm, tools worth

around £700 were stolen from a van parked on Pen Y Banc, while number plates were stolen from a vehicle parked on Vernon Street sometime between 7pm on Tuesday, July 11 and 7.30am on Wednesday, July 12.

Officers are linking the incidents to similar crimes in the Pontyclun area, including one which occurred at around 11.40pm on Tuesday, July 11, on Clun Avenue, Pontyclun, during which men were again disturbed as they attempted to break into a van.

PC Danny Roberts, who is investigating the Bridgend incidents, is appealing for all vehicle owners to be vigilant and for van owners in particular to take extra precautions to protect



Tools such as these have been fenced, often to unsuspecting buyers.

their belongings.

PC Roberts said: "In the majority of these incidents, it appears tradesmen are being targeted for tools. Thieves know that there is a market out there for power tools, which are

tools in vans, particularly overnight.

"I would urge tradesmen and, indeed, all vehicle owners, to ensure they remove all valuables from the vehicles overnight and to ensure vehicles are left secure. Ensuring vehicles have alarms does also act as a deterrent.

"I'd also urge people to be vigilant and to contact us if they are offered for sale equipment they suspect is stolen."

Anyone with any information that could help identify those involved, is asked to contact 101, quoting reference 1700268604. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted, free and anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Bryngarw Country park wins Green Flag Award

KEEP Wales Tidy has unveiled this year's Green Flag Award winners, the international mark of a 'quality park or green space'.

In total, 183 parks and green spaces in Wales have met the standard needed to receive the flag or the Green Flag Community Award.

The flag will be flying at Bryngarw Country Park, Brynmenyn in recognition of its facilities and commitment to delivering 'good quality green space'.

Richard Hughes, chief executive of Awen Cultural Trust, the registered charity which runs Bryngarw said: "It is a fantastic achievement for Bryngarw to retain its Green Flag for a second consecutive year.

"The award highlights that the people of Bridgend and beyond benefit from a beautiful green space with natural features and great facilities for everyone to enjoy.

"At Awen, we are committed to making people's lives better by providing the very best in cultural activities and opportunities. Winning a second award in our second year of operation is testament to all those who support the park and help make it a great place to visit."

The scheme is delivered in Wales by environmental charity, Keep Wales Tidy, with support from the Welsh Government. It is judged by 'green space experts', who volunteer their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against eight strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, environmental management and community involvement.

Lucy Prisk, Green Flag Coordinator at Keep Wales Tidy said: "Keep Wales Tidy is proud to run the scheme in Wales because we know having a good quality environment can have a big impact on our communities, health and well-being, and economy.

"I'd like to congratulate Bryngarw Country Park and thank everyone who works tirelessly to maintain the standards demanded by the Green Flag Award.

"I would encourage everyone to get outdoors and explore the diverse range of fantastic facilities we have on our doorstep."

A full list award winners can be found on the Keep Wales Tidy website www.keepwalestidy.cymru/greenflag.

Wales football manager helps celebrate school's double award



Chris Coleman and Kit Symons helped Garth Primary School celebrate their success.

WALES football manager, Chris Coleman, and his coach, Kit Symons, made a special appearance at Garth Primary last week to help the school celebrate achieving two prestigious awards.

They joined pupils and teachers at a celebration assembly, after Garth Primary gained the Rights Respecting Schools Level 2 Award; and joined the select number of schools to have gained the National Quality Award from the Welsh Government, as part of the Healthy Schools Wales Scheme.

Headteacher Julie Thomas said: "We were absolutely thrilled to

welcome Chris and Kit to our special school assembly. They were fantastic with the children, who have talked about their visit ever since!

"Chris and Kit were treated to a performance by the school choir, shared their inspirational stories, answered pupils' questions, and made time to autograph everything from footballs to school uniforms!"

The National Quality Award marks Garth Primary out as being one of the 'healthiest and happiest' schools in the country.

Award assessors praised the school for having a 'consistent enthusiasm and commitment to both staff and pupil wellbeing'. Wellbeing is



Wales football manager Chris Coleman talks to the pupils.

a 'truly embedded value of the school' while 'sport and physical activity has a very high priority'.

Assessors also reported that the school's 'strong sense of purpose' enables them to be very clear on which programmes and initiatives to focus on, allowing pupils to 'flourish and to

achieve'.

Coun Charles Smith, BCBC's Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, said: "Huge congratulations to Garth on their double success. The National Quality Award acknowledges the fact that health and wellbeing is firmly rooted in school life, while the Rights

Respecting accolade is a further sign that Garth Primary is doing everything it can to develop resilient, informed and confident young citizens.

"Well done to all of the pupils and staff for their hard work in achieving these awards. What a fantastic way to end the school year."

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Can Bridgend get behind brave Josh's amazing challenge?

A COWBRIDGE man is in full training for a challenge that would be a staggering one for an Olympic athlete.

However, Josh Llewellyn-Jones, who will be 30 on July 31, is doing it despite having Cystic Fibrosis (CF) – a condition that should make it impossible.

In just 24 hours at the Vale Resort on July 28-29, he intends to do the following:

- Lift 100 tonnes.
- Cycle 100 miles.
- Run 10 miles.
- Row 10 miles.
- Cross-Train 10 miles
- Swim 2 miles.
- Do 3,000 situps.
- Do 1,000 pushups.
- 1,000 squats.

He is hoping that doing this incredible feat will help him raise £100,000 for Cystic Fibrosis research.

Has Josh been in training long for this challenge?

In fact, he has been training all his life.

Cystic Fibrosis means the lungs and digestive system are at a daily risk of becoming clogged.

The life expectancy is put at 37 years of age.

Josh explains: "When I was born my parents did a great deal of research and went to America to see a specialist."

That specialist was Dr



Josh Llewellyn-Jones (left) and Darren Campbell.

Bob Kramer, and his advice was pretty simple. It was to get Josh out running every morning and when he had had enough, insist that he did more!

Josh said that this evolved into a personal motto: "I train to stay alive."

That intense training meant that Josh's teenage friends probably did not realise the seriousness of his condition. He looked fit and was indeed fit – at 15 he was in the Welsh under-21 cross-country squad.

However, at 21 the CF surfaced, and his intestines became twisted. A seven-hour operation was needed to sort out the problem.

After that experience, Josh returned to his training regime, and has been in contact with many other CF patients. Part of his mission is to inspire them, as well as raise money. Last week, on Tuesday, July 11, Josh was a guest on the Radio 5 programme, *Get Inspired*, presented by the former Olympic sprinter Darren Campbell. Darren has been offering training advice but, as the weekend draws near, it will all be down to Josh. A podcast of Darren Campbell's show can be found on www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p058fxtw www.justgiving.com/fundraising/24hrs

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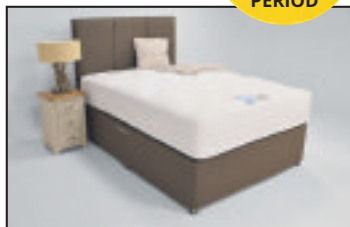
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An 'Epic ride' for little braveheart

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Despite the problems he has faced, Noah is a brave little boy who loves riding his bike.

THE father of a five-year-old Barry boy who had part of his leg amputated at just eight months old, is taking part in an epic cycling challenge to raise funds for his continued care.

Noah Stephenson endured a traumatic start to his life but thanks to love of his family – father Gareth, mother Nicola, brother Zak – and lots of specialist care and support, he has battled through.

Gareth said: "In March 2013, when he was only eight months old, Noah contracted meningitis and almost lost his life.

"As a result, he had his lower left leg amputated and lost the tips on the majority of his remaining fingers and toes."

Noah, however, proved a little fighter.

Gareth explained: "He has gone from strength-to-strength. He has needed numerous prosthetic legs as he's

grown; however, at the beginning of this year, he had to have corrective surgery on his stump as it was growing too fast and his leg bones were trying to break through, which caused him great pain and stopped him using his prosthetic.

"He spent several months in a wheelchair, but has recently recovered enough from the surgery to have another prosthetic made so he can walk again.

"At the moment, he is struggling to build up his energy and muscles to allow him to wear it for a full day."

In all other respects, Noah is a normal little boy. He loves riding his bike, enjoys Star Wars, likes dinosaurs, and plays with his Nerf gun.

He attends Cadroxton Primary School.

Gareth said: "Rather proudly, he recently competed in his school sports day. Despite finishing his two races some minutes behind all the other competitors, he was cheered on by all the children and parents to

the finish line." Gareth and four friends, Daniel Wood from Llanharan, Darren Saltmarsh from Cardiff, Kirsty James from Bridgend and Alex Coleman, who lives in Church Village, plan to cycle from London to Monte Carlo in just 12 days during September.

Gareth's father Bob, his uncle, Paul Ballantyne, and friend, Mike Treweek, are the support crew who will accompany the cyclists in a minibus, and help setting up tents for overnight stays.

Gareth said: "We have named this epic cycling challenge LOMOCA and people can do searches for it on social media."

In total, the trip is about 950 miles and the cyclists will be riding up to 88 miles a day. Gareth added: "There is the small issue of the French Alps before we reach our destination. "In fact, we will be taking on some of the Tour De France's most famous climbs, including the Alpe D'Huez with its 22-hairpin bends. "I want to thank Days Hire for their help and use of the minibus, and Eat Natural who are also supporting us."

Visit the fundraising page at www.gofundme.com/LOMOCA. More information is on Facebook at LOMOCA or Instagram at Lomoca2017.

Millions invested in GP mental-health services

MADELINE MOON is calling for more to be done to help people susceptible to self-harming or suicide.

The Bridgend MP said in the Commons that as the number of GPs goes down, there is increasing pressure on the time they have with their patients.

She said that one area being missed is that of self-harm and suicide. Mrs Moon said: "We now know there is an increased risk of suicidal behaviour for those on unstable and irregular zero-hour contracts, and that those on employment and support allowance are more than two-thirds more likely to take their own life.

"What are we doing to advise GPs on that?" Health Under-Secretary Steve Brine said Mrs Moon, who chairs the all-party group on suicide and self-harm prevention, does a 'huge amount of work' in this area.

He told her: "The GP patient survey last year showed that 85 per cent of respondents rated their GP experience as good. "We are investing about £30 million of taxpayers' money in the releasing time for care programmes, which we

hope will increase the time GPs can spend with patients on issues such as those she raises."

Mr Brine said he would be 'very happy' to meet Mrs Moon to discuss her concerns.

Report by Mike Prosser

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Pyle and Porthcawl photographic awards



Clyne Jones winner Geoff Baker (left) and judge Gareth Martin.



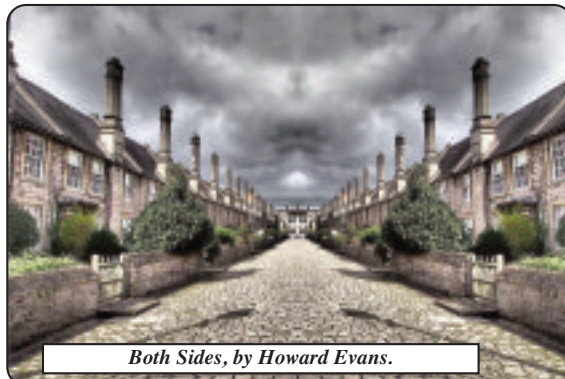
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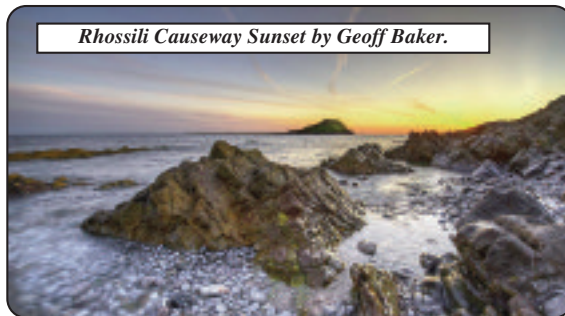
Caitlyn, by John Corcoran.



Both Sides, by Howard Evans.



We Got Beat, by Dan Minto.



Rhossili Causeway Sunset by Geoff Baker.

PYLE AND recently held our last competition before our summer break, the Clyne Jones Trophy competition.

Each entrant submitted three digital images and their two highest scores out of a possible 20 were then added together to decide the winner.

The winner was Geoffrey Baker with 40 points. Second was Richard Craze with 38 points and joint third were Dan Minto, John Corcoran and Richard Jenkins, all with 37 points.

Our judge was Gareth Martin from Port Talbot who gave excellent critique on all 54 images entered.

Our programme is available at www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk. We welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, so if you have an interest in photography, join us on Thursday at 7:30pm at St Clare's School, Newton when we

start back on September 7.

We're currently on our summer break but still meet up on Thursday evenings at various pre-

arranged places around the area such as Brynna Woods, Ogmores Castle etc; anyone is welcome to join in, it's free, contact me for more

BAVO appeal for more community volunteers

DO you have an hour to spare?

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations' (BAVO's) Big Lottery Funded Community Companions over 50s befriending scheme is looking to recruit more volunteer befrienders.

"Imagine going days or weeks without seeing somebody, or not being able to get out of the house. An hour of your time to visit someone in their home to help them get out and about can



Community Companions – volunteer befriender and beneficiary.

make a huge difference," a spokesperson says.

"By becoming a volunteer befriender, you can help older people meet others, improve their access to local services and improve their overall

5K race 'my own personal Everest,' SAYS NURSE ALYSON

LAST year Alyson Charnock was struggling to walk just 500 metres but this weekend she will be tackling her first ever 5k run after transforming her life and her health.

Since making the decision to adopt a healthier lifestyle Alyson, a nurse, has lost five stone and feels like a different person.

She will be on the starting line for this Sunday's Race for Life in Cardiff and is enjoying her new hobby so much she has already signed up for the city's 10K race in September.

Alyson, 54, said: "I was getting closer to retirement and realised I could be a lot healthier. My blood pressure was creeping up along with my cholesterol and blood sugar."

"I realised it was time to do something about it and as a nurse, time to practise what I preach."

In May 2016 she went to see her GP and was given a 16-week referral to use a gym near her home in Bridgend and she is now a committed member.

Alyson had always enjoyed outdoor pursuits and being active, but says she had never been able to run.

"A year ago if you had said I would be running a 5K I would never have believed you; this is my own personal Everest."

"My family and friends have all noticed such a difference in me, and my 19-year-old son has even started coming to the gym with me."

"I needed to take control of my health and I am just so glad I did."

Alyson is raising money for Cancer Research UK at Sunday's



Alyson Charnock before she started her new healthy lifestyle.



event and anyone who would like to sponsor her can go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-charnock1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20170711_94475.

In September, she is hoping to raise £150 for Tenovus Cancer Care

Llynfi Valley remembers

THE Maesteg branch of the Royal British Legion, in association with Maesteg Town Council, is commemorating and remembering the 32 men who lost their lives at the third battle of Ypres (the battle we know as Passchendaele) July 31 to November 10, 1917.

These 32 men served in 13 regiments of the British Army, fought and died in the nine separate battles that made up the battle of Passchendaele,

and are remembered at 15 sites of memorial both in this country and across the various battle fields in Belgium.

All of this information and much more we will be displaying to the public through an exhibition being held at the Maesteg Town Council Office, Talbot Street, Maesteg from July 17 to 28 from 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, with a late opening on both Wednesdays.

Finally, there will be a wreath laying ceremony on July 31, the day the battle started.

Roy Meredith
Maesteg Royal British Legion

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'Underused' Pyle Jobcentre Plus to close

MADELEINE Moon, MP for the Bridgend constituency, has expressed her 'disappointment', following confirmation by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) that Pyle Jobcentre will close.

The Jobcentre in Pyle was earmarked for closure as part of a national review planned by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Mrs Moon said: "Closing the Jobcentre in Pyle and requiring claimants to travel to Porthcawl is deeply disappointing."

The DWP has calculated that the distance between the two centres will take 39 minutes by public transport at the cost of £5 for an adult day return ticket and £2.90 for those aged between 16-18 years old.

"For someone in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance that is a considerable sum. This calculation merely demonstrates how misguided the decision is."

"This is yet another

example of this Government pursuing cuts for cuts' sake at the cost of essential services for local people."

"I will be challenging Ministers to ensure no one is disadvantaged financially by this decision, particularly if individuals are required to attend frequent appointments."

"Ministers have suggested that local outreach services will be made available; I will be pursuing this to ensure services remain as accessible as possible for the people of Pyle."

Responding to The GEM, a DWP spokesperson said:

"Pyle Jobcentre Plus is becoming increasingly underused, particularly as more of our services are offered online."

"Merging the jobcentre with our site in nearby Porthcawl means we can continue to provide a first-rate level of service to our local claimants."

The spokesperson added: "As usual, claimants can apply for additional support to meet travel expenses."

BRIDGEND Male Choir recently added to its reputation, first made in Wells Cathedral two years ago, when it appeared in St Cuthbert's, the largest parish church building in Somerset.

The church is so big and with such a prominent position, in the heart of the city of Wells, visitors often think they have reached the cathedral as they arrive through the medieval entrance porch. This was the setting for the concert, with its wonderful acoustics and helpful staff, a spokesperson reports.

The audience in St Cuthbert's Church, in this sleepy Somerset city, listened in awe to the performance given. It was indeed inspiring, not only to the listeners, but also motivated the choir to a new pinnacle of sound.

The money raised (in this case, well in excess of £1,200) by such events, enables St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton to pay for specialist care in its out patient units, respite care (their Sunflower Day centres), a home visit by one of its specialist nurses, specialist counselling for a child who has lost a parent,

and hours of telephone support from a nurse in the middle of the night.

The choir can next be seen, as the lead choir at this year's Welsh Proms Brass and Voices Concert on Wednesday, July 26, at St David's Hall, Cardiff. It was a rousing evening of entertainment, together with Ogmore Valley, Cardiff Arms Park and Morlais MVCs and the world famous Cory Band, under the baton of Owain Arwel Hughes, CBE.

Tickets for the 2017 season of the Welsh Proms Cymru are available from St David's Hall, Cardiff on 02920 878444 or online at www.welshproms.com/tickets.html.



Bridgend Male Choir in full voice at St Cuthbert's.

Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild news

THIS year is flying by as usual, and we have been busy in the Guild.

All our groups have met and the luncheon group, always the most popular, visited the

Saltwater Inn for a good meal! We have enjoyed a trip on the Brecon mountain railway with superb views, and more outings are in the pipeline.

At our last meeting, Diana Richardson, our

delegate, gave her report on the National AGM in Sheffield which she had attended with Judith Orphan and Helen Taylor. After a somewhat unusual train journey, they were very pleased to meet up with Doreen Hall from Mansfield.

Our guild was twinned with Mansfield for many years and we made good friends. The mandate on fracking regulations was passed and it was decided that we were in favour of keeping the twice yearly changing of the hour.

There were two excellent speakers and now we are looking forward to going to Brighton for next year's AGM.

Tickets were on sale at our meeting for our afternoon cream tea on August 23. It was very good last year, still tickets to spare, so do come along. A bargain at only £7.50! We finished our meeting with a craft demonstration arranged by Freda Rodger and the craft group. Even I managed to make something to take home

and everyone enjoyed trying the various crafts.

We do not have a meeting in August, but we hope you enjoy the rest of the summer – here's hoping the good weather continues!

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

SWARMING has certainly been an issue this year. Regular call outs have been the order of the day and one of my own colonies did swarm, but thanks to a swarm box that I have up in a tree near the apiary, the swarm obligingly made use of it.

This swarm box is a regular national brood box that has a solid floor securely attached with metal clips and it contains four old drawn frames, a crown board is held in position with screws and the whole thing is hoisted into position using a block and tackle. The block and tackle device means that I can raise or lower the box as required.

All of the colonies are doing very well. I have a colony in a poly-nuc box that has had another poly box added to it to provide room for them, but I will be moving them into a national hive made up of a brood box plus a super to cater for their demand for more space.

The three swarms that I have introduced to the apiary have certainly been busy drawing out the frames of foundation and by providing them with a liquid feed, it boosts their pre-programmed home building desire.

My solar wax/melter has had good use, thanks to the hot spell. A little propolis and wax does adhere to the frames, but as they are then transferred to a steamer, further cleansing is assured.

The steamer is made up from a tea-urn water boiler that has had a copper supply pipe added to the lid (DIY) this is then attached with plastic tubing to wallpaper steamer and hey presto! The magic begins!

Varroa, as ever, is present, although their numbers are not excessive. Regular counting is the only way to be sure of this and I do check the debris trays throughout the year.

Will there be a honey crop? Things are looking very favourable.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

New trains due this autumn

RAIL passengers in Wales will start benefiting from a "new generation of electric trains" from the autumn, said Alun Cairns recently.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP was responding to a written question from Chris Elmore.

The Ogmore MP asked him what the timetable is for the completion of the electrification of the Cardiff to Swansea railway line.

Mr Cairns told him: "Passengers rightly expect high quality rail services. From autumn 2017, passengers in Wales will benefit from the new generation of electric trains which will deliver 27 per cent more seats, faster journey times and improved connectivity for south Wales to London – with 40 per cent more seats in the morning peak, once the full fleet is in service."

MP

New hands on the tiller as Methodist ministers move on

REVEREND Peter and Deacon Samantha Taylor, Methodist ministers in the Vale, are moving on this summer.

They have thoroughly enjoyed their seven years in their first appointments at 'Barrybados' and the Vale.

Rev Peter said: "It has been good to serve four churches of Crossway, St David's, Barry Island, St Athan and the community. For me a number of things stand out, such as enjoying working with my ecumenical colleagues; back in 2012 we launched the first Churches of Barry (COB) Good Friday Walk of Witness. This important day in the Christian calendar has grown over the years and brings a good number of local Christians from many denominations together to be a credible witness to the town."

"I have enjoyed leading COB 'Summer Praise' on Barry Island, a great place in my opinion, to be and do church. "I enjoyed leading sports-related worship events and I will always be grateful to Barry Town United for allowing me to lead a 'Football and Faith' event during the 2016 World Cup, at the club social club. Over the years, I have supported and gone to a good number of games, and it has been great to see the club rise up again! Our son, Matthew, has loved playing for the Barry under-9 team."

"We have enjoyed working with our colleagues and members in the Vale's Methodist churches. Like a number of other denominations, our congregations are declining numerically, but many people in the churches work faithfully. And across the Vale circuit, a lot goes on in the week – all led and hosted by churches – including foodbanks, Messy Church and kids' events, toddler groups, leading services in care homes and mid-week groups, with food, teas and coffees and friendships for senior citizens."

Deacon Sam said: "Over seven years, there is so much to look back on with joy. All the schools have been amazing at welcoming us, and helping our children. We can't praise the work of the schools enough here."

"Church holiday clubs have been a particular strength within the Methodist churches here, each year well over a hundred children have attended in the different Methodist churches. The children have fun and learn more about Jesus and the Bible. It was great to work with ecumenical colleagues to get 'Christmas the Story' up and running, that is something I am going to really miss. Working with Citizens Cymru has been good."

"As ministers, we journey with people through life, we've come into contact with a lot of people – in churches and in the community – at times of great joy, at times of frustrations and also at times of unimaginable sadness. It will be hard to leave behind friendships we've made, but I hope that in all we've done to try and serve this community with the Methodist Church, it has pointed people to the fact that

the love of God is for all.

"We will miss this place so much, it is a beautiful part of the world. The love and friendliness of Welsh people will go with us and will not be forgotten."

The Methodist Church has a process – which goes back to the time of its founder John Wesley – of ministers coming and going, as each minister has different gifts and no one minister has every gift.

So during August Pete, Sam and their

children, Rose and Matthew, move to Sutton-in-Ashfield, north Nottinghamshire.

Pete will work across five churches in the Nottinghamshire area and Sam will work across three church communities in Derbyshire.

The circuit is the Borders Mission Circuit, part of the Notts and Derby Methodist district. The ministers replacing Pete and Sam in September are Rev Catherine Brobbey and Deacon John Brobbey.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynwydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303



Llangan school news THIS year's summer ball was a huge success.

The event, which took place on Friday, July 7 at The Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge was very well attended with parents and PTA members.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal. This was followed by an auction, the proceeds of which will benefit the children of Llangan School. It was now time for the dancing to commence and a lovely time was had by all!

Leavers' assembly

IT is the time of year to say a fond farewell to the school's year-6 pupils; the school leavers' assembly will take place on Thursday, July 20.

Parents and grandparents will be in the school hall to enjoy the leavers' concert and I

understand former headteacher Mary Noyes will be at the concert.

May I add my own good wishes to all the children who will be leaving Llangan School and wish them all a successful and happy future.

Dog show reminder

A GREAT deal of interest is being shown in the dog show which will take place on Saturday, August 12 at 2pm on the church field, Llangan.

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Ruth's from Porthcawl... but her latest comedy inspiration is Splott!

TV comedy star Ruth Jones is a Porthcawl girl – is anyone out there unaware of that?

She has starred in school musicals at the Grand Pavilion, and a few months ago she returned to Porthcawl to put on a highly-successful fundraising evening for the local RNLI – once again at the Pavilion.

However, she has stayed clear of Porthcawl when it comes to her comedy writing.

She has done Barry (Gavin & Stacey) and the Welsh Valleys (Stella) but apart from a few day trips in Stella where the cast travelled to her home town, she resisted the urge to draw on her old stamping ground for inspiration.

Now, BBC Radio Wales has announced that she is to write and star in a new six-part

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comedy, *Splott*, set in the Cardiff district of the same name.

Ah well. It has to be admitted that *Splott* sounds funnier than Porthcawl!

Splott is the story of Mandy Ferhat (Ruth Jones) – a school cook and single mum to her live-at-home daughter Chersey.

When life gets tough, Mandy turns to her bonkers neighbour Val, and her sweet but serial-

A passionate, sometimes gung-ho, but big hearted Mandy simply seeks peace, romance and happiness... none of this comes her way without a fight.

Ruth Jones says: "Let's be honest, who can't help but love the name *Splott*. A name made more loveable by the fact that it's a real place nestled in the heart of Wales's capital."

"I'm so excited to be playing a strong gutsy Cardiffian in what I hope is going to be a refreshingly daft and silly sitcom on Radio Wales."

Radio Wales has announced some other changes to its schedules.

DJ Janice Long, who

is currently hosting *Summer Nights* on the station, Monday to Thursday, will become a permanent part of the evening schedule from September, featuring live sessions from big names, and providing a platform for Welsh artists.

Colin Paterson, editor of Radio Wales, says: "Ruth is one of the biggest comedy talents of her generation; I couldn't be more pleased that she has agreed to work with Radio Wales."

"And welcoming Janice in as a permanent part of the existing line-up shows we're serious about bringing our audience the biggest names."

Also from September, Wales Today presenter Lucy Owen is the first host of Sunday Morning with... (9.30am to 11am), bringing a mix of topical content, music and conversation.

It will be followed by Owen Money's Solid Gold Sunday – a brand new two-hour show of classic hits from the '60s and '70s.

New business really is At Your Finger Tips! *special promotion*

HERE at The Business Centre, we pride ourselves on having a range of interesting and diverse clients contributing to our supportive business community, which is why we're thrilled to announce that At Your Finger Tips, founded by Danielle Browne, is now open for business.

Danielle began doing nails when she was 16 as a hobby, painting designs and teaching herself nail art and she never expected it to become her career.

However, looking to return to work after having children, she found that there wasn't the flexibility to work around school holidays and the school day.

So like many other inspiring businesswomen we have here in The Business Centre – like Mel of Mel's Cafe and Helen of HRA (Accounting) who were looking to balance their work and family lives – Danielle looked to her existing skill set, to create her own business that works for her.

After having her third child, Noah, Danielle needed a job that would give her the flexibility for her to balance childcare with her work life but she struggled to find an employer that

would give her those benefits straight away. So she decided to get serious about her nail art and get qualified.

She took an essential nails course that let her learn from home on friends and family course and passed with flying colours! She is now a fully qualified nail technician who specialises in acrylic and gel overlays.

All of her stunning designs are self-taught and you can see some beautiful examples on her Facebook page. Danielle provides a range of nail treatments and pedicures; from acrylic

extensions, shellac, manicures, pedicures, to intricate nail designs, she is always trying to give her clients exactly what they want.

Danielle has three children: Ashton, Honey and Noah, and is married to Owen. We are thrilled to see this inspiring journey happening with lots of business women who can't find what they need in the existing workplace so they are starting their own businesses that are thriving, which are also providing the freedom and flexibility that they require.

Danielle is also

offering a special discounted price for a limited time and you don't have to be a business centre resident to go and see At Your Finger Tips – she is open to all customers from around the Vale.

At Your Finger Tips will be open at The Business Centre 9am – 6pm two days a week for all of your nail needs. Every Monday and Wednesday, you can pop in and see Danielle to give your nails some love – and the boys are as welcome as the girls.

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Pay boost for the lowest-paid Vale Council workers

OVER 1,000 of the Vale Council's lowest paid workers are likely to see an increase in pay this autumn.

The Vale Conservative Council Leader, John Thomas, is due to make an announcement on the decision today, Thursday, July 20.

The council says the plan has been discussed with the trade unions involved and, once approved by the Vale cabinet in September, will see an immediate increase in pay levels for over 1,000 employees, including cleaners, kitchen assistants and breakfast club supervisors.

The proposed change in pay rates will set the lowest pay rate at £7.90 per hour, compared with the National Living Wage at £7.50 per hour. The current level of the voluntary foundation living wage is £8.45.

Coun Thomas has also asked officials to undertake detailed assessment of the implications of moving all Vale employees onto the 'Real Living Wage'.

He says he is a firm supporter of it, but stressed the need for a properly-costed assessment before making a final decision.

Coun Thomas said the increase in pay would

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deliver a number of benefits: "This is an initial and immediate step in a journey to improving pay levels for our lowest-paid workers. "I want to see the Conservative-run council moving further towards the voluntary Foundation Living Wage over the course of my leadership and am working with officers to do that assessment.

"This would be good for staff morale and will have a positive impact on attendance and productivity. I think that it is important to send a clear message to staff that they are valued, and if such a move is financially sustainable – which I believe it can be – then it's a step that the Vale Council will take under my leadership."

Deacon Samantha Taylor of Vale of Glamorgan Citizens, an alliance of local community groups, said: "As a local Methodist Minister, I know how people in the Vale are struggling to make ends meet, so the commitment by the Vale Council to work towards the Foundation Living Wage is fantastic news for

hundreds of working families.

"Prior to the recent local elections, we asked all political leaders to work with us to introduce the Living Wage to the Vale and it is brilliant that Coun Thomas is acting on this so quickly. We look forward to the day when we can celebrate full 'Living Wage' accreditation by the Vale, but this is a great start."

Glenn Pappas, on behalf of the Vale's Joint Trade Unions, described

it as "good news for the Vale".

He added: "While we still strive for the full living wage, this is an important move in the right direction. It will help some of our poorest paid employees and reflects the council's commitments, as set out in the newly-implemented 'Staff Charter'."

The council's plans include a proposed change to the lowest pay point for council workers from £15,014 to £15,246 in December 2017. This will be in advance of a further expected pay increase in April 2018 as part of the wider local government pay review.

Rhose Library needs sponsors!

Rhose Community Library has launched an appeal to local businesses: "We need you!"

A spokesperson said this week: "What better way to promote how amazing Rhose is than producing a 2018 calendar showcasing the idyllic area and the local businesses we all know and love?"

"This is where the library needs your help. To produce the calendar, we require sponsorship. We are approaching local businesses to sponsor a month, which will include a picture of their choice and their name, logo and contact information on the page also."

"As a charity, we are relying on sponsorship and outside funding to cover our overhead costs. "Without this, we cannot keep the doors open. Being able to

produce and sell this calendar would provide us with funds to keep going."

If you wish to be a sponsor of the calendar, or are interested in helping the library in other ways, contact Samantha Campbell at sa_sullivan91@hotmail.com or via the Rhose Community Library Facebook page.

'We're lucky to have Valeways'

FIRST patron for Valeways, Jane Hutt joined honorary president Derek Brockway at their Friends launch Walk.

The Vale AM joined the weatherman, Alun Cairns and civic dignitaries at the launch walk of the new 'Friends of Valeways' at the Old Hall, Cowbridge for a walk round Llanblethian.

She told a large crowd of volunteers and supporters: "We are very fortunate to have a charity like Valeways which opens up access to our country and coastal paths – maintaining our paths and leading walks for all needs and interests."

"Valeways also engages with people with disabilities and those who are returning to work – developing skills and confidence and promoting healthy exercise."

"I was keen to join the new Friends of Valeways as their first patron and hope that many more friends will join up ASAP to support this great, unique, local charity!"

Dogs Trust launches 'heart-warming' advertisement

DOGS TRUST has launched its new television advertisement to raise awareness of the plight of the thousands of unwanted dogs in the UK.

One such dog hoping to embark on a journey to a loving home is Bruce from Dogs Trust Bridgend. The two-year-old Lurcher has been in the rehoming centre for four months and staff are baffled as to why he is being overlooked.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend, explained: "Dogs are now available via the internet at the click of a button so unfortunately, people can buy them online on a whim, and may not give full consideration to the lifetime commitment involved in dog ownership."

"Bruce has surprisingly been with

us for a few months and we have all fallen in love with him at the rehoming centre. He is a stunning, fun-loving, lively boy so will need an active home and an energetic owner to keep up with him. He will need daily off-lead exercise and his new owners will need to give him lots of enriching toys to help keep him occupied when leaving him for short periods.

"Bruce is only two years old and will require more training and further socialisation with other dogs, which our team can help support, so is looking for a patient new owner to continue his training, help him settle in and become part of the family."

To watch the advertisement, narrated by actor Martin Clunes, follow this link: https://youtu.be/_d3DkoA1LUK.



A still from the new advertisement.

GEM competition winner is named

OUR recent food and leisure competition attracted plenty of entries - but there could only be one winner.

The winner was James Crosbie, of Barry, who correctly answered that strawberries are the fruit traditionally eaten at Wimbledon.

James will be spending his prize of £25 at The Cwm Talwg in Barry.

Congratulations to James, and keep reading for more great GEM competitions in the near future.

TASTES OF SUMMER!

JOIN the Mayor of the Vale and wine educator Antoinette Milne to taste a selection of gins and rose wines on Wednesday, July 26 at Art Central Gallery, King Square, Barry.

The evening starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £15, which includes summer fruit and cream. All money raised will go to local charities The Soroptomists, Woody's Lodge and Baby Basics. The Mayor thanked Hendrewennol Fruit Farm for their sponsorship of freshly picked strawberries and raspberries.

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FEW would have imagined how strong a reinvented *Planet of the Apes* franchise would be. The initial reboot, released in 2011, seemed to be more of a curio, but its superb execution and critical and commercial acclaim led to a second outing which was unarguably one of the finest films of 2014.

With Matt Reeves remaining in the director's chair, the third in the new series, *War for the Planet of the Apes*, now hits cinemas. Picking up two years after the events of *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*,

any entente between man and ape has been shattered and Caesar (Andy Serkis) is now in hiding, hunted by the army who are determined to kill him.

When a raid on the ape base results in tragedy, Caesar goes after the man responsible, the Colonel (Woody Harrelson) while the rest of the apes head to new land where they can build a safer future; but things don't proceed as planned for either party...

Films tend to run out of steam on the third outing; the general rule is sequel bigger and darker, threequel disappointing and flat.

Given that the *Apes* films have only got stronger, is *War...* capable of bucking the trend? It certainly is, the film a maelstrom of emotion and allegory, a dark and taut work that contains narrative depth and impact that you so rarely find in what is deemed to be 'blockbuster' entertainment – put simply, the film is astonishing.

This is a film about apes becoming the dominant species of Earth, a concept that became lighter and comedic as the original series of films wound on (1971's *Escape from the*

Planet of the Apes sees ape Zira drinking champagne); yet in Reeves and co-writer Mark Bomback's hands, they have wrought a film that speaks not just of the plight of the apes, but to the world in 2017.

There is metaphor piled on top of allegory here (Caesar whipped and hoisted onto a crucifix-like frame, the war between ape and human driven by a fear of the unknown, apes being rounded up into a work camp, a crazed megalomaniac building a wall), hardly the normal fare you find in a popcorn film, yet Reeves knows that you can't just rely on cutting edge technology (the CGI work that turns the actors into apes is sublime) and the odd set-piece.

It's the weight of the narrative that draws you in; over the course of three films we've seen Caesar grow from baby to man to leader, and here, driven by personal tragedy, we see the conflict behind his nobility, the needs of the many versus his desire for revenge.

The writing is sharp but the performance of Andy Serkis is uncompromisingly magnificent, one that, even this early on in proceedings, deserves

recognition come awards season.

To transcend CGI with a performance this nuanced, this deft, is a rare skill indeed and Serkis is magnetic as we see Caesar wrestle with his duty to the group and to his own family.

Woody Harrelson's Colonel is Kurtz-like (this is a film that takes its influences from the likes of *Apocalypse Now*) yet the story clearly lays out his motivations for what he's doing.

While on the surface he appears crazed, his motivations are driven from a place of logic and a clever plot point expands what drives the character even further. Harrelson's fuse is always slow-burning, threatening to explode but it never does, making him an intriguing character and one with more in common with Caesar than you might imagine.

Around them are superb turns, either motion-captured (Steve Zahn's Bad Ape bringing a degree of humour that leavens the constant

dramatic pressure, Karin Konoval's Maurice as ever Caesar's sounding board and compass) and live-action (Amiah Miller's Nova, a girl Caesar and company discover who brings a link between the human world and the ape world).

Matt Reeves' direction is, as ever, both gorgeous and visceral; the opening woodland-set firefight is intense and shot superbly, while the film as a whole has a visual feel that suits the tone of the piece perfectly, but this is a film where the punch comes from the story, perhaps even more so than any moments of action.

His ability to convey the conflict in Caesar's soul speaks of a director who can marry subtlety to a bigger budget (something that augurs well for his take on *Batman*) and that he can keep Caesar and his story front and centre is a testament to his skills.

By the time the lights go up, *War for the Planet of the Apes* will have left you

emotionally numb; it's a film that will linger long after viewing – the best film of the series yet, this is bold, bravura and poignant filmmaking.

VERDICT – An emotionally coruscating triumph of a film, *War for the Planet of the Apes* is the highlight of a series that has been of an incredible standard since the first one. With lofty

ambitions that rarely see the light of day in a summer blockbuster, this is an intelligent and wholly engaging film, with Andy Serkis' performance truly superb; one of the year's genuine highlights. Essential viewing.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes* (2014), *Logan* (2017).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Age Connects information sessions

ARE you looking for some advice on a personal matter or local matter or issue?

Alun Cairns MP is holding a drop in session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, from 10am to 12 noon on Thursday, July 27. No appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information, or just call in to the shop.

Do you need free and impartial advice on cutting your energy bills? Find out if you are eligible for home improvement grants through the Welsh Government NEST Programme.

An information session takes place at the

Age Connects Senior Health Shop on Tuesday, July 25 from 10am to 12 noon.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information or telephone to arrange a home visit on 0800 8082244.

IF you are over 50 and are looking for advice and support on healthy eating; if you have had to change your diet due to illness, and need some advice, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a health information session on July 25 from 10am to 12pm.

Come and talk to a health care professional from Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust Dietetics who specialise in diet and nutrition in the elderly. This will be held at 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Penarth art exhibition is extended

AN Exhibition by marine artist Nick John Rees at Penarth Pier Pavilion entitled 'Tempest & Tranquillity From The Same Sea' has now been extended to July 30.

The exhibition was scheduled to close on July 23. A spokeswoman for the exhibition said: "The response has been phenomenal, both in terms of numbers of visitors and comments received and Nick has been overwhelmed by people's reaction to his work."

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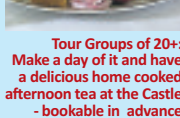
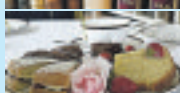
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Sneak preview of all the new facilities at Dyffryn Gardens!

DYFFRYN GARDENS has unveiled its new facilities in time for the summer holidays.

The Vale gardens boast a vast selection of plants and trees, with adventure-themed activities for children to enjoy such as assault courses and den building. New elements have also been installed in the visitors' section of the house, including a second tea room where visitors can enjoy a cream tea or snack, as well as a cafe and shop.

While the Victorian house and Edwardian gardens remain under the ownership of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the National Trust took over their maintenance and running in January 2013, with the house reopening to visitors in March of the same year.

Vale MP and Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns visited the house and gardens ahead of the opening of the new facilities. During the visit, National Trust site manager Geraldine Donovan explained: "It is key that the house and the gardens retain their

enchanting authenticity and rich history, while also encouraging involvement from visitors of all generations. There really is something here for everyone, from budding botanists to families simply wishing to relax in the grounds."

Mr Cairns said, "I had not visited Dyffryn Gardens since the National Trust had taken over the maintenance, and I was astounded by the rejuvenation work that has taken place. The house has returned from its once dilapidated condition, and is now bright with exquisite décor."

"Dyffryn Gardens is a hidden treasure in the Vale, which very few residents realise is on their doorstep. With acres of rolling lawns, there are hours of fun to be had there for children during the summer holidays. Often we overlook the spots of beauty that lie right on our doorstep – this summer do not miss out on the opportunity to visit Dyffryn Gardens!" he urged.

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'Protect animals like Rusty from attacks,' says RSPCA



RUSTY – she was shot dead in Barry.

THE Vale has been named one of the 'worst areas in Wales for airgun attacks on animals'.

Rusty the cat, from Barry, was shot by someone using an air weapon. An X-ray revealed a pellet in her back and the cat died following surgery.

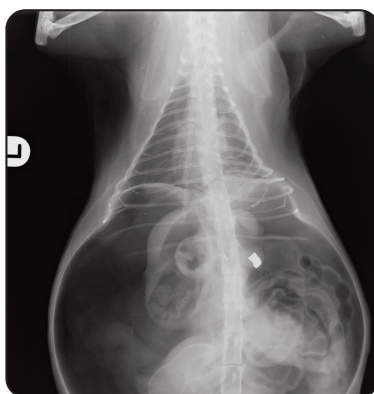
The RSPCA has received reports of 41 incidents between January 2017 and June 30, 2017 with trends indicating a rise on the previous two calendar years.

The two most prominent areas in the statistics so far this year are the Vale and Conwy with seven incidents apiece.

Martyn Hubbard, an RSPCA superintendent, said: "Reports of airgun attacks are so depressing, and domestic cats are so often the target, with the repercussions often fatal or causing life-changing injuries."

He said that the RSPCA backs calls for stricter regulations around owning an airgun.

"This, along with better education, and basic safety training for owners, will help protect the nation's animals from these attacks."



An X-ray of Rusty showing the airgun pellet.

Age Friendly event takes steps towards community change

ON June 28, a 'creating age-friendly communities' event was organised by Ageing Well in Wales, which works 'to unite people and communities with public, private and voluntary sectors'.

The event was open to anyone across the Vale interested in helping make where they live or work a more supportive environment for people of all ages.

The programme included a 'working with communities' talk by John Fanshaw from the Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern and a 'Learn, Laugh and Live: Community learning in action' session.

For more information on Age Friendly Communities, visit the website at ageingwellinwales.com/agefriendly.

'Stay safe on the beach this summer' URGES REGIONAL AM



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies at the RNLI Barry Island Visitor Centre with staff members Julie, Avril, Ben and Ross.

BEACHGOERS across the Vale are being urged to stay safe as they make the most of the good weather this summer season.

A spokesperson said: "Those swimming in the sea should always make sure they read the safety signs, and know which flags mean it is safe to swim in the sea."

"Barry Island has a particular problem with children becoming separated from their parents or guardians, with the most reported cases of any UK beach."

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) has launched a new 'wristband scheme' – where parents write their mobile number on a wristband that their child can then wear – to try and prevent this.

If they do get separated, it then

means they should be reunited quickly.

The wristbands are available from the new RNLI visitor centre at Barry Island, the charity's first in the UK 'dedicated' to beach safety.

South Wales Central regional AM Andrew RT Davies, who last week visited the centre, praised the scheme and urged parents to make use of it.

Mr Davies said: "While there are few things better than a visit to the beach on a hot summer's day, it is important to take care and children should always be accompanied."

"If a child does get separated from their parents, it is a very distressing time for all concerned, so the wristband scheme is a great idea."

"I'd urge all parents and guardians to make use of it this summer and all credit must go to the RNLI for bringing it forward."



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Cats Protection centre to hold 90th anniversary celebration in August



Can anyone help with Pink Floyd research?

IAM researching a book about psychedelic rockers Pink Floyd, famed for their 1979 hit 'Another Brick In The Wall' and their fabulous stage effects, including the inflatable pig Algie, which once slipped its moorings at Battersea Power Station and flew off across London.

Before selling out arenas around the world, Pink Floyd started out

playing smaller venues, including the Kee Club in Bridgend in March 1969.

I'm interested in capturing people's memories of this gig for posterity, and hopefully in the process telling the band's story in a slightly different way via first hand accounts of their earliest shows.

I'd love to hear from anyone who saw them in their early career.

I can be reached at isawpinkfloyd@gmail.com or on 07717 581435.

Richard Houghton, 1 Totnes Road, Manchester, M21 8XF.

Park home owners urged 'get involved in consultation'

OWNERS of park homes across the Vale are being urged to participate in a consultation on the commission rate paid on the sale of their homes.

Currently, when a park home is sold, a 10-per cent commission rate is paid on the sale, but the Welsh Government is consulting on whether this should change.

Speaking on a visit to Ham Manor Park in Llantwit Major, regional AM Andrew RT Davies, leader of the Welsh Conservatives, said it was vital everyone had the opportunity to have their say and urged park residents and park owners to "get involved."

Mr Davies said: "It was great to visit Ham Manor Park and have the opportunity to speak with residents of the site. It was really beneficial to meet some people who love their community and enjoy park living.

"There are many park home sites across the Vale, and over the past few months I have worked closely with a large number of residents on a variety of topical issues.

"Among those is the Welsh Government's latest consultation on the park homes commission rate and I'd urge all park home residents and park owners to participate and make their views known."

CATS Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre is holding its annual summer open day themed around its 90th birthday - which the charity is celebrating this year.

The event, from 10.30am - 3.30pm on Saturday, August 5, promises to be a fun day out for all of the family!

Staff and volunteers will be getting into the spirit, dressing up like flappers and taking you back to the Great Gatsby era of the 1920's.

Activities will also include a bouncy castle, party games, craft stalls, mega raffle, BBQ, refreshments and homemade cakes.

Between 11.30am-2.30pm, Funtastic Parties will entertain the little ones, with a puppet show, balloon modelling and everyone's favourite - face painting.

The centre invites individuals born in 1927, who will also be celebrating their 90th birthday this year, to attend and be the centre's VIP guests for the day.

Coun Pam Davies, Mayor of Bridgend, will be among the special

guests.

Attendees will also get the chance to look around the adoption centre and meet many of the cats looking to find their forever home - cats like Cupcake who found herself at the centre after her owner sadly passed away.

Cupcake is a beautiful, five-year-old Tabby and white, long haired lady who is finding it difficult to cope living in the centre and is hopeful of finding her forever home very soon.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager said: "The event promises to be brilliant fun and I hope many local residents will come out to support us, especially as we celebrate 90 amazing years of helping cats like Cupcake to have a second chance in life."

Admission is £1 for adults, 50p for children and under 3s are admitted free; park and ride and park service will be available.

To find out more, call the centre on 01656 724396, or email bridgend@cats.org.uk.

'Be vigilant at concerts' police warning

A WARNING has been issued to rogue traders, as more than 114 fake Justin Bieber t-shirts and hoodies were seized during the star's concert in Cardiff.

In a joint operation between Trading Standards and South Wales Police, officers found clothing which infringed the registered trademarks, as the singer performed at the Principality Stadium on June 30.

If the 114 items had been sold through the official merchandise outlets, the cost would be almost £5,000.

Coun Dhanisha Patel, chair of the joint committee for Shared Regulatory Services, said: "This is just one example of how well the teams at Trading Standards and South Wales Police are working together.

"The sale of fake goods is a callous exploitation of young fans. The counterfeit t-shirts seized were being sold for £10 and jumpers

and hoodies were selling for £25. The official Justin Bieber merchandise website meanwhile, sells similar clothing for less and there is a noticeable difference in quality.

"Our teams will be out in force again for the upcoming Coldplay and John Legend concerts in Cardiff city centre, and we are reminding gig-goers and other members of the public to be vigilant during these times."

The Vale Council works with South Wales Police officers to tackle these problems, with the aim of preventing legitimate business from losing money and stop profits made from ending up in the hands of organised criminals.

As part of similar work when the city hosted the recent Champions League finals in early June, more than 170,000 football fans arrived in Cardiff, and over four days, police arrested three people for ticket touting.

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Sunday 30th July Depart: 09.00 Arrive back: 16.00

Saturday 5th Aug Depart: 14.45 Arrive back: 21.30

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Tuesday 1st Aug Depart: 10.00 Arrive back: 17.30

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Sail to Watchet for time ashore before returning on board! Alternatively, take a ride on the UK's longest steam heritage Railway to Minehead & join coach to Clevedon before sailing for home. Watchet: £26 / £24 Railway: £48 / £46

Friday 4th Aug Depart: 15.15 Arrive back: 21.30

VISIT ILFRACOMBE / LUNDY ISLAND

Take the classic Bristol Channel excursion to the North Devon resort of Ilfracombe for time ashore! Alternatively continue to the beautiful, unspoilt island of Lundy! Fare to Ilfracombe: £36 Fare to Lundy: £52

Sunday 6th Aug Depart: 09.30 Arrive back: 21.30

SAILING FROM PORTHCAWL HARBOUR WALL

VISIT ILFRACOMBE / LUNDY ISLAND

Fare to Ilfracombe: £32/30 Fare to Lundy: £46

Thursday 27th July Depart: 10.00 Arrive back: 20.45

CRUISE TO NASH POINT

Fare: £16/14

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'Important news for the health and well-being of Welsh people'

THE news that families affected by the contaminated blood scandal would finally get answers, via a UK inquiry into the circumstances of this tragedy, was widely welcomed last week.

I was particularly thankful at long last for my constituents who lost loved ones, alongside the families of the 70 people who died in Wales as a result of receiving contaminated blood.

As Vaughan Gething AM, Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well Being and Sport said in response to a question from Julie Morgan AM:

"I welcome a UK inquiry into the circumstances of this tragedy. We all need to know the truth about what happened, so it's important those affected have their say about the inquiry's approach and remit."

"I have written to the Secretary of State and expect full engagement with those affected in Wales."

Julie Morgan, who chairs the Cross-Party Group on Haemophilia and Bleeding Disorders which met this week, has campaigned for many years to have the circumstances that led to this tragedy fully recognised and investigated. She was thanked in the Senedd by myself and Vaughan Gething, for her commitment and determination in support of the those families affected.

The Haemophilia Society has called for the affected community to be involved in deciding the remit of the inquiry and ensure their voices are heard in the taking of evidence.

This will be pursued as the Welsh Government and the National Assembly for Wales have strongly supported the call for an independent investigation and it is right that the inquiry is UK-wide, given that the events occurred before devolution in the 1970s and 1980s.

It is always welcome to see political parties working together to improve health and well-being in Wales and this has been evident in

GUEST COLUMN



by VALE AM JANE HUTT
(Leader of the House)

the Parliamentary Review of Health and Social Care in Wales set up by the Cabinet Secretary Vaughan Gething, as a key commitment in our programme of Government 'Taking Wales Forward'.

Last November, he announced the setting up of an independent panel of experts with the appointment of chair Dr Ruth Hussey, former Chief Medical Officer for Wales, joined by national and international experts in the field of health and social care.

The panel was asked to look at ways our health and care system could deliver improved health and well-being outcomes for people across Wales, reduce inequalities between certain population groups, and the big challenge of how we can 'enable the whole health and social care system to be sustainable over the next five to ten years'.

No easy task, and the panel is due to conclude its work in December. There was a positive and constructive discussion in the Senedd, involving all political parties, and there will be more opportunities in the coming weeks, with the interim report clearly making the case for change.

Evidence can come from local experience and initiatives and I strongly believe that this can include examples of how we are trying to improve health and well-being in our local communities.

The work of charitable organisations, such as Valeways, might not seem an obvious vehicle for promoting health and well-being but our launch of Friends of Valeways last Saturday made it abundantly clear that it

is.

Led by our honorary president, Derek Brockway, a good crowd of walkers, supporters and volunteers set off for a walk around Llanblethian and Cowbridge to promote the new initiative to help make Valeways sustainable. I was pleased to conclude the walk by declaring I would subscribe to become a patron – others joined as patrons and members and businesses can also join.

The point I made at the event was that this organisation ticks all the boxes: maintaining and caring for county and coastal paths, leading volunteer path clearing teams, sharing skills with disabled and unemployed people – helping many return to work, organising weekly health walks to keep walkers active and in touch and enjoying the wonderful countryside.

We are now developing 'social prescribing' to improve health and well-being – walking, singing – being active and engaged is part of this new approach as part of our health, social care and well-being challenge.

For more information about the Friends of Valeways, contact: info@valeways.org.uk.

A SONY UK Technology Centre engineer, pioneering industry-leading research, has been recognised among the most influential women in the UK-wide sector.

Jessica Leigh Jones was named among The Telegraph's Top 50 Women in Engineering thanks to her innovative work at the Pencoed facility.

The Newport resident, who works at Sony UK TEC's Advanced Manufacturing Research and Operations Centre (AMROC), was recognised at an event at London's Banking Hall.

The Telegraph initiative, supported by the Women's Engineering Society, aims to promote the uptake of the engineering profession among women and celebrate those who have made a contribution to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM) sector.

Ms Leigh Jones said: "I am honoured to be recognised among these inspirational women who are leading the way in the UK's engineering sector, and paving the way for generations of women to come."

"This initiative promotes the rich contribution of women in STEM, and I hope to use this as a platform to demonstrate the variety

of opportunities available to young people in engineering."

Ms Leigh Jones was inspired to pursue her love of engineering thanks to her father, who worked as an aircraft electrician at Ministry of Defence St Athan.

After studying a degree in astrophysics she followed her passion for engineering, which led her to the Pencoed facility renowned for projects such as the AMROC initiative, 4K broadcast and professional cameras, and third-party collaborative manufacturing for brands including Raspberry Pi.

Ms Leigh Jones said that she felt the support of her Sony UK TEC colleagues, along with the unparalleled skillset she has acquired in producing high-standard manufacturing products for worldwide distribution, contributed to her recognition.

She said: "It is so inspiring to be part of an organisation whose rate of innovation is unparalleled across industry and throughout Wales," she said.

"I would like to thank Alton Convent School, Hampshire for my nomination."

"I am a Patron of Science & Engineering at Alton and donate an award to the school for engineering and entrepreneurship annually."

Sony staffer listed in The Telegraph's Top 50 female engineers



Jessica Leigh Jones (centre) receives her award.

Group's award

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• Effective support for pupils with additional learning needs ensures that most make good progress towards their individual targets.

However, the minus points were:

• At key stage 2, there are too many weaknesses in pupils' writing skills in English, and their oral and writing skills in Welsh are weak.

• More able pupils and those eligible for free school meals do not always do as well as they could.

• There are too few opportunities for pupils to participate in making decisions about their learning and about their life in school.

• Pupils do not have enough opportunities to develop their skills in literacy, numeracy and information and communication technology (ICT) systematically across all areas of learning.

The inspection team said that the school's prospects for improvement are good, for a number of reasons:

• The headteacher brings a fresh vision and a clear strategic direction for the school.

• Staff share a strong partnership ethos and a renewed commitment to school improvement.

• The governing body understands the school's performance well and provides a strong level of challenge and support.

• The procedures for self-evaluation are robust and wide-ranging and they give leaders an accurate picture of the school's strengths and areas for improvement.

• The school has a wide range of purposeful partnerships that enrich and support pupils' learning and wellbeing effectively.

The report included the following recommendations:

• R1 – raise the attainment of more able pupils in key stage 2 and of pupils who are eligible for free school meals.

• R2 – improve pupils' writing skills in English and their oral and writing skills in Welsh in key stage 2.

• R3 – provide increased opportunities for pupils to make decisions about their learning and their life in school.

• R4 – ensure that teachers' planning enables pupils to develop their skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT systematically in all areas of the curriculum.

• R5 – ensure that targets in the school improvement plan focus

on measurable outcomes for pupils.

The inspectors said that the school should draw up a post-inspection action plan, which will show how it will address the recommendations.

The inspectors added that they expected the local authority, with the Central South Consortium, to support the school to continue to improve outcomes and address all the recommendations.

Adele Thomas, headteacher of Nottage Primary School, said: "Nottage Primary are delighted with the report which highlights so many of the strengths within the school."

"All schools inspected are asked to put together an action plan, and we are looking forward to working to further improve the school and build on the positives highlighted by the recent inspection."

"These awards are our way of honouring incredible people like the Maesteg Local Committee who give their time freely to raise money for research and promote greater awareness of the disease, and yet ask for nothing in return."

"It's thanks to the support of the fundraising public and our amazing army of volunteers that we can continue to make a real difference and bring forward the day when all cancers are cured."

School must put an action plan in place

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Tony said: "Over the last 40 years, survival has doubled – today half of people with cancer will survive their disease for at least 10 years. Cancer Research UK's ambition is to ensure that by 2034, three-quarters of people in Wales survive their disease for 10 years or more after a cancer diagnosis."

Lynne Eagles, a Cancer Research UK fundraising Manager for South Wales, said: "Every step we make towards beating cancer sooner relies on every

pound, every hour and every person.

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Councillors' anger at bus shuttle subsidy

A Welsh Government pilot scheme which provides travel on selected bus routes across Wales, and includes the T9 service to the capital from Cardiff Airport at Rhose, has incurred the anger of Barry councillors.

The scheme – TrawsCymru – provides free, subsidised weekend travel on selected routes across Wales and the idea is to boost bus use and encourage tourism.

However, two Barry councillors are unhappy the T9 shuttle service from Cardiff Airport to the capital, which costs around half a million pounds a year, is part of the scheme.

Councillors Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands have been campaigning for the service to be scrapped, say the rising cost is "scandalous", and that it will spark anger among Vale residents who are concerned about reduced services such as the 98 bus from Highlight Park.

Coun Vincent Bailey said: "The amount of

money spent on the T9 is already scandalous, but the bill will get even bigger now because they won't recoup a penny from tourists and travellers using it on weekends.

"Coun Rowlands and I have long called for the T9 to be scrapped, with the money spent on local bus services throughout Wales."

"Barry residents deserve a better transport service and having fought to stop cuts to local routes, I can understand local anger at seeing this empty bus rolling along Port Road every 20 minutes or so."

He added: "We all want to see a thriving airport, but the ghost bus is a poke in the eye for local residents who don't have the luxury of a regular bus service."

The Welsh Government says the TrawsCymru weekend pilot is to encourage more people to consider buses as a means of transport.

A Welsh Government spokesperson explained that the Government believed that with a

growing airport, it was imperative to provide regular transport links.

He said: "Since the Welsh Government took ownership of Cardiff Airport in 2013, it has become one of the UK's fastest growing airports."

"Passenger numbers continue to grow month on month, with over 185,000 people flying to and from Cardiff last month alone. It's imperative that our growing, national airport has regular public transport to and from it."

"We have protected our Bus Services Support Grant to all councils in Wales in recent budgets, with the Vale Council separately and additionally reimbursed for the operation of the T9 service."

"It has never been a case of choosing local services over the airport shuttle, Vale communities should expect both."

The scheme started on July 8 and will run every weekend until May 2018 – and could be extended,

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Aven's Autos: Proud of high standards...

LEE AVEN, the owner of Aven's Autos, has 17 years' mechanical experience.

Lee qualified at Hartnell VW/Audi Cardiff and worked there for four years, and was then employed at Sytner BMW Cardiff for six years.

He then moved to a family-run garage in Dinas Powys, which specialised in repairs and

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Lee started Aven's Autos two years ago and he explained: "At Aven's Autos, we carry out vehicle repairs of more or less any kind.

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Prepare for summer driving by planning well ahead...

THERE are plenty of potential pitfalls when it comes to summer motoring, so it's always advisable to take advice from the experts – and this week that advice comes from GEM Motoring Assist (pure coincidence, no relation at all to this GEM)!

Of course, the first step for summer motoring – even if you are not planning a particularly long journey – is to make sure your vehicle is in good shape.

A recent service will reassure you that your vehicle will be reliable, and making sure your tyres are in good shape (and legal as well) will add to that sense of reassurance.

After you've taken action to make sure your car is running well, you need to get yourself organised if you are planning a longer journey.

That's where the motoring GEM can help... IT seems that with many people concerned about employment prospects and the depressed economy, even more of us will be turning to British holidays this summer and hoping that our UK weather will be sunny and hot.

However, hot weather and British road travel are by no means a partnership made in heaven, and as many motorists are now running slightly older cars than previously, it's more important than ever to take steps to ensure you don't start your holiday sitting sizzling on the side of the road!

Plus hot cars, hot kids and summer traffic queues will all try the patience of a saint, so a bit of thoughtful preparation and careful planning will



ensure you arrive at your British holiday destination in good time and shape!

This summer, GEM is urging mums and dads to be fully prepared before long trips in the car, especially with children. The not-for-profit company, which also has a road safety charity arm, has put together some top tips to help motorists along the way.

General advice

Always prepare your car before leaving on a long journey. Check: tyres / brakes / windscreen wash / lights / oil / water levels prior to setting off.

If towing a caravan, ensure you carry out suitable checks for its roadworthiness too.

Keep an eye on your petrol levels, especially if driving in the countryside and you are unsure where the next filling station will be. Try to never let the gauge fall below one quarter.

Make sure you have adequate car breakdown cover that will get you to your destination with minimal disruption in the unfortunate event of a

breakdown – and make sure you have your emergency call out number with you.

Plan your journey so you know where you are going, taking a map or GPS system with you, plus telephone number for your destination in case you do get lost or break down.

Allow extra time to get to your destination if travelling at peak times. Better still try and avoid Friday evenings when everyone else will be on the road!

Travelling with children:

Check that car seats are fitted properly and that straps are adjusted to fit the child comfortably.

Ensure your children are dressed suitably in clothing that can adapt to changing British weather. Lots of thin layers and loose fitting clothing will ensure maximum comfort and avoid over heating in warm weather.

Ensure you make regular stops – at least 15 minutes every two hours – for the loo and some fresh air.

Make sure you have healthy snacks and plenty of water on board to keep everyone hydrated. Avoid chocolate and sugary, sticky sweets and fizzy drinks at all cost.

If stopping for a meal, try to avoid eating greasy foods and over-filling tummies – meals should be plain and simple, and on the small side to help avoid travel sickness. Better still, pack a homemade picnic for the journey. You'll save money and you'll avoid any arguments about what to eat!

Take some chilled damp flannels in a sealed container – you'll be surprised how often your kids will want to wash their faces on a warm day to cool down!

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MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY FOR A SUMMER GETAWAY!

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Prepare yourself with game ideas such as I-SPY, Car number and letter games to keep them entertained during the journey. Stories and music on personal MP3 players are a great idea and avoids disagreements about what to listen to!

Never leave children shut in a hot car – not even for just a few minutes.

Don't forget Fido!

As UK holidays get more popular, so does taking your pet on holiday. Just like kids, pets can also suffer travel sickness and overheating, so they will need to have plenty of loo, water and fresh air breaks too!

Of course, never leave your pet locked in a hot car, and you may wish to consider some sort of restraint to ensure your own and your pets' safety whilst on the move.

In case of breakdown

Breaking down on the side of the road can be extremely hazardous. Safe practice in a breakdown

situation can literally mean the difference between life and death and GEM urges drivers to carefully consider the situation and the safety of their passengers and themselves before attempting to leave the car.

GEM has a free information guide "Motorist Breakdown and Emergency Guide" which is available free of charge by visiting www.motoringassist.com and GEM recommends everyone keep a copy in their glove box to read carefully before taking action in a breakdown situation.

Of particular note, don't forget to tell the breakdown company that you have children on board.

Also, if it's warm and you wish to leave the car, exit with extreme caution on the side of the car away from the traffic. Find somewhere to sit that is a good distance away from the road and fumes and where you can keep an eye out for help to arrive.

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Why did First Minister meet EU negotiator in Brussels?

AFTER watching BBC Wales news last week, could I express how embarrassed I was to see our First Minister in Brussels, visiting Michel Barnier, the chief EU negotiator for Brexit.

What was Carwyn Jones AM doing there? He certainly wasn't there with David Davis MP, our chief UK negotiator, and I'm sure he didn't advise him or have his approval for this visit.

To me, it looked like a political spoiler tactic to sideline UK negotiating efforts in some way. If this is true, why is our First Minister indulging in such power-plays?

Certainly Mr Jones has been very clear on his position over Europe, in that he wished to remain.

Now that the country has voted to leave and Article 50 has been filed, he has amended his views and now wishes us to stay in the single market. Since this still leaves our economy controlled by Europe, to me, it's exactly the same thing.

Of course, his views are just as valid as those of us that wish to leave Europe. However, he is in a privileged position, that he actively sought, as our First Minister. As such, I believe that this position comes with responsibilities to lead and represent us all in this great Principality.

It should not just be an opportunity to apply one's own personal or party views.

So I am confused: if he represents Wales, didn't we vote to leave Europe and shouldn't he be professional enough to support our Brexit negotiator, rather than try to liaise directly with Europe?

What a negative signal his visit has given to our side, and I suspect Mr Barnier is quietly smiling to himself, as it shows how disjointed he has made our UK negotiating team.

I am also confused about his leadership style. His devolved political responsibilities are clearly set out and he must have some sort of relationship with the Government at the other end of the M4. So why isn't he working with them and showing a united front to Europe? I fully appreciate that he has some internal issues with the UK Government,

so why isn't he resolving them 'in-house', for that is what all successful negotiating teams do?

As a Welshman, I expect more professionalism from all our politicians, of whatever colour, particularly so at this critical time, as we work our way through the Brexit negotiating process. The last thing we need as a country and Principality is a rogue politician.

Therefore, I would be interested in hearing from other readers on how our Assembly and Welsh Government members should conduct themselves during these negotiations, rather than the rights and wrongs of Brexit.

FOOTNOTE: The First Minister is on record that he is concerned to ensure "Welsh interests are fully protected" when the EU negotiations are finally concluded.

'No demand for Welsh language' – says a GEM reader

IN order to bring about enormous cost savings, as well as accommodating many people's wishes, I would like to call on legislators to introduce the absolute and unconditional right for people to opt-out of bi-lingual mail from all public bodies.

Nothing can justify the huge waste of printing and posting out the same notices and correspondence in two languages, only for one of them to end up straight in the bin, and we all know which one.

We should be able to register with hospitals, schools, colleges, councils, DVLA, TV licensing, Royal Mail, HMRC etc, that we do not want to receive further correspondence in Welsh (or English).

Apart from the obvious cash savings, it would not only be much greener and kinder to planet Earth, but would have the added benefit of exposing the ever-present lie by those nationalists in any political party or institution, that there is a demand for the Welsh language.
Peter Reed, Penarth.

Airport taxi rank a source of concern

I'M perplexed by Cardiff Airport's 'official' taxi system. I have used it a couple of times recently, and noted that there seem to be taxis available from at least three different boroughs on their rank.

There are Cardiff taxis, Rhondda Cynon Taff taxis and Vale-licensed vehicles there.

Why does the airport allow these different areas to play their trade on the rank?

The price also varies too, by as much as £1.50 to £3. When I asked the driver about the difference, he said it was the night time rate, so it costs more. He provided a receipt card and told me to ring the number on it, telling me all calls and bookings are dealt with by the Cardiff office.

How can this be allowed by the airport? I want my daughters to be able to travel safely in a proper licensed Vale vehicle, not some out of town company.

Mrs Fowler, Llantwit Major.

Thanks to a good citizen

IWOULD like to thank the person who, on Sunday, July 9 at Barry Island, found my keys in the car, locked the car, hid the keys, and left a note to say where they were.

I had got my dog out of the passenger side and forgot to check I'd locked the driver's door. Thank you for keeping my car safe.
(Name and address supplied).

Appeal for witnesses after assault

COMMENTING on the news that a 19-year-old man had been taken to hospital following an alleged assault in Barry Town Centre on Wednesday, July 12, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has urged anyone with information to come forward.

Mr Davies said, "It is awful to hear of an incident like the one alleged in Barry, and I certainly hope the young

man's injuries are not serious. It's important the police have as much help and support as possible to get to the bottom of what happened; so I'd therefore urge anyone who may have seen – or indeed heard – the incident, to come forward.

"This will help the police with their enquiries as they look to find those responsible."

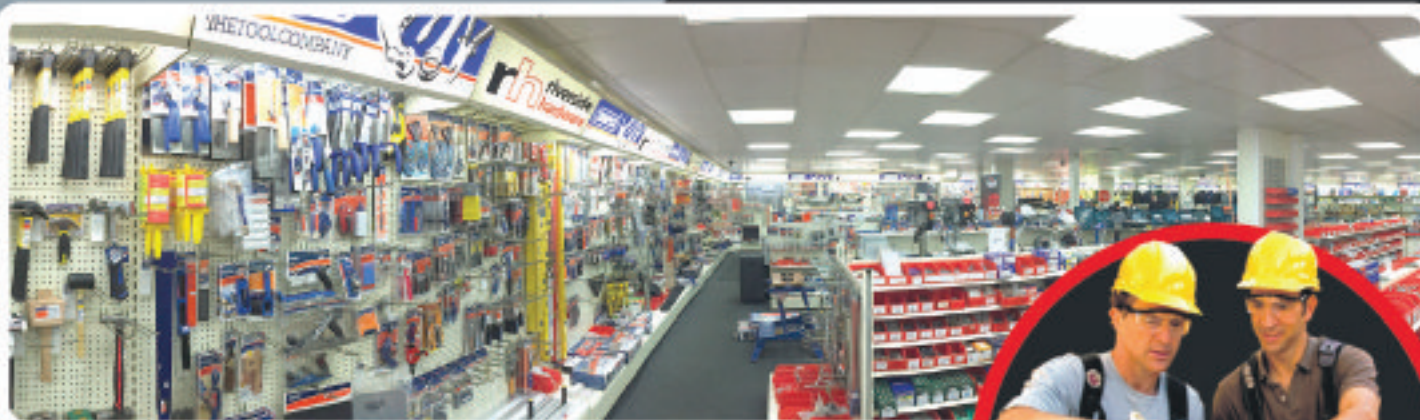
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WITCHES AND STITCHES AT ART GROUP



THE Llantwit Major Art and Craft Group enjoyed a record turnout at their annual art and craft exhibition last weekend with close to 100 people attending on the Saturday alone, forgoing tennis and rugby on television to chat to the artists and view an extremely varied selection of pictures and original handcrafted items.

Formally opened by the Mayor, Coun Jane Norman, the event was supported by Coun Gwyn John, whose generous help for the second year has ensured that the event can continue to promote the group and its activities, which include monthly workshops run by the members themselves.

A selection of items produced in these workshops were also on display including felt mats, Tyvek brooches and examples of figure drawing.

On arrival at the Llantwit Hall, visitors to the exhibition were greeted by three quite scary and close to life-size puppets of witches.



Designed and made by Gwyneth Price, another of the group's members, these three puppets are for a production of *Macbeth*, which will take place in the ruins of the Bishop's Palace in St David's this August.

Each puppet will be manipulated by three people who will speak the witches' words as a chorus.

Each year a group project is chosen to which participating members all contribute. This year, under the expert guidance and leadership of member Chris Morfett two quilts were produced for Project Linus UK; its aim is to give warmth,

comfort and security to a sick or distressed child in the form of a handmade quilt that he or she can keep.

Members spent several meetings engaged in sewing patchwork squares and even those with limited sewing skills joined in.

The finished squares were then assembled by Chris and her team of expert quilters.

Both the finished quilts were on display over the weekend of the exhibition and drew a number of admiring comments.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can contact Martin Kaye on 07927796178. AS

Rain didn't stop play at the St Hilary village fete



Villagers assemble for a commemorative photograph.

THE villagers of St Hilary, their families and friends, weren't put off by the rain and came to the village hall and the green to enjoy a rather wet summer fete.

The event raised more than £1,000 towards the upkeep of the hall, an important facility and the focus of village life.

The Vale Ukulele Band from Llantwit Major serenaded attendees with suitably chosen tunes such as 'Singing in the Rain' and 'Bring me Sunshine'.

Children were kept entertained in the story-telling tent and with craft activities.

For the peckish, there were mountains of homemade cake served up with teas and coffees, along with artisan ice creams and a barbecue. Other stalls included books, a tombola and bric-a-brac.

Local MP, Alun Cairns, dropped in during the afternoon to talk to villagers.



The Llantwit Major Ukulele Ensemble performed at the fete.

Even the rain couldn't stop races from taking place on the green with medals being awarded to participants aged from three to 80. The final event of the day was a steeplechase featuring adults in inflatable horse

costumes and hay bales. Ewa Thomas, village hall chairperson, said: "It was lovely to see so many people braving a typically wet Welsh summer afternoon to get together and enjoy themselves."

Hounds train man to stand still



Judges from Pembrokeshire and Somerset assessing young hounds at the Glamorgan Hunt Puppy Show held recently. Photo by Heather March

Bridgend Bridge Club results round-up

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

Wednesday, July 12: First, Tony Disley and John Evans; second, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; third, Alan Heath and Geoff Barnes.

The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and John Evans.

Thursday, July 13: First, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams; second, Chris Rawlings and John Henson; third, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans.

The winners on handicap were Dylis Bowser and V Irene Thomas.

Friday, July 14: First, Jenny Vaughan and Irene Thomas; second, Chris Rawlings and Pete Bugden; third, Bill Turner and Marjorie Morris.

The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Geoff Barnett.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Norton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm; to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least ten minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Norton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

Lessons There will be a new series for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm starting on September 13 again in Norton Church Hall.

For further information about the lessons and other club activities, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.



St Hilary villagers Ralph and Mary Thomas.

U3A takes rural walk around Cowbridge...

THE recent outing of Cowbridge U3A long walks group was close to home.

The starting point for the walk was near Nash Manor, just outside Cowbridge, on a day that was bright and warm, if somewhat windy.

June and Rhys took the party of nine on a route that skirted the grounds of the manor and then headed across fields in the direction of Llanblethian, with good views of that village as it was neared.

The group passed directly by the church and went down to the Llantwit road, which was followed as far as the

Cross Inn, before the isolated church of St Brynach at Llanfrynach was passed. A circuitous route led to Llyswnorney, where a lunch stop was taken at the local hostelry.

Quiet lanes were used to return to the start, completing a walk of nearly 6.2 miles, most of which was new territory to the majority of the party.

Welcome refreshments, including homemade Welsh cakes, were provided by June and Rhys in their garden to those who were able to stay on.

See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge

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First Give awards at Llantwit Major



CHARITIES BOOSTED BY COMPANY'S 'GREEN' MARATHON

KIER'S Welsh offices recently took part in the company's most ambitious charity challenge yet – using green, non-motorised transport to travel from Kier's most northerly construction site in Orkney to its most southerly in Truro.

The company has raised over £250,000 so far in eight weeks, with the Western & Wales offices raising a whopping £55,000.

Hundreds of Kier employees got involved in the Welsh leg of the journey, which raised money for Wales Air Ambulance, Alzheimer's Society and Velindre Cancer Care. The money raised will be split between the Kier Foundation – an independent charity that raises money for Kier's charity partner Alzheimer's Society – and the local charities.

Wendy Stephens, bid coordinator based at Kier's Cardiff office, who helped plan the Wales leg of the challenge, has a personal connection to Wales Air Ambulance.

She said: "In 2013, my dad was in a farming accident and the Wales Air Ambulance airlifted him to hospital. It took less than five minutes by air ambulance, as opposed to the 40-minute journey it might have been by road.

"Unfortunately, due to the extent of his injuries, my dad couldn't be saved, but it gave me and my family great peace of mind to know the Wales Air Ambulance gave him the best possible

chance of survival, and that he received expert care almost immediately, meaning he didn't suffer any pain.

"I'm incredibly proud of what our teams achieved during 2020 Challenge."

The journey began in Monmouth and finished at the Severn Bridge, visiting Gilwern, Pencelli, Brecon, Carmarthen, Pembrey, Llanelli, Swansea, Pontypridd and Cardiff along the way and taking in Kier sites including S4C Ye Egin in Carmarthenshire, Swansea University and Trago Mills in Merthyr Tydfil.

Employees showed their support by hiking, horse riding, roller blading, space-hopping, tobogganing, canoeing, kayaking, cycling, running, sailing and swimming across 280 miles, visiting Kier sites along the way.

Mark Stevens, fundraising manager at Wales Air Ambulance said: "We are delighted to be associated with Kier's 2020 Challenge and we're looking forward to being involved with such a large scale charity event that will have a positive influence on people's lives.

Andrew Morris, head of fundraising at Velindre Cancer Care, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be one of the charities chosen by Kier for their epic 2020 challenge.

"This is quite fitting because by his injuries, my dad couldn't be saved, but it gave me and my family great peace of mind to know the Wales Air Ambulance gave him the best possible

The Deputy Mayor of the Vale, with fellow judge and the Llantwit Major Comprehensive School winning team, who raised £1,000 for Ty Hapus, Barry.

THE Deputy Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Leighton Rowlands, represented the Mayor at the First Give awards, in Llantwit Major Comprehensive recently.

The education charity provides a curriculum to schools to develop their public speaking skills. Students then develop a compelling pitch to enter into a school competition to win £1,000 for their chosen charity.

The Deputy Mayor reported: "It was a great honour to attend and to judge the pupils on their pitches to secure money for their chosen charities. It was very difficult to choose who had won, as all the presentations were outstanding.

"A big thanks must go to Leon Ward and First Give team and the Llantwit Major school staff for the smooth organisation."

For more information on this growing charity, visit www.firstgive.co.uk or contact Leon Ward at Leon@firstgive.co.uk.

Neil tackles tough challenge for Mental Health UK



Maesteg's Neil Davies (pictured left) faces a tough challenge ahead.

NEIL DAVIES from Maesteg is taking on his toughest challenge yet: the Fourtitude Challenge for Mental Health UK.

Together with over 60 fellow staff from Lloyds Banking Group, Neil hopes to raise £250,000.

Those taking part will ascend Snowdon, cycle 100 miles and completing a half marathon, all over the course of four days.

Neil took part in his firm's charity challenge last year and has returned to do the same this year. The challenge was named 'Fourtitude' to reflect that one in four people experience mental health problems, and that

the fearless colleagues will be completing the gruelling challenge within four days and starting in four teams – one from each home nation.

He has plenty of mountains around him to train on, and is sure to be a great addition to the Welsh contingent when four teams from each of the home nations start their quest on September 4-7.

Brian Dow, managing director of Mental Health UK, said: "On behalf of Mental Health UK, I want to say a huge thank you to all involved. We are hugely grateful for the awareness and significant funding

generate."

Pupils get to grips with their lessons, down on the farm



WHERE does our food come from and could farming be a career? Those were some of the questions put to primary school children in Glamorgan recently.

Providing answers to these questions were Farmers' Union of Wales members Nicola and Tom Lewis of Neuadd Wen Farm, Llanharan, Pontyclun, who joined years 1 to 3 pupils at Llansannor and Llanharan Church in Wales Primary School, as part of their careers day.

FUW Glamorgan CEO Rachel Saunders said: "Nicola and Tom did a great job engaging the children and talked about where all our food comes from. The kids were extremely interested and were all answering questions as well as asking lots of relevant questions too.

"It's really important that we teach our children where their food comes from. It was shocking to hear that, according to a recent survey by the British Nutrition Foundation, many children think that cheese comes from plants, tomatoes grow underground and fish

Wales alone nearly 60,000 people are employed either full time or part time on farm holdings and the sector is also the cornerstone of the £6.1 billion Welsh food and drink supply chain industry."

Children at the school also got the chance to milk a life-sized wooden cow, which was provided by Ty Tangylwyst Farm.

Tom, who aside from running the home farm with wife Nicola also works part time as an agricultural engineer for Riverlea tractors, said: "We had a great day at the school and really enjoyed showing the children as much as we could about farming."

"Working in agriculture can be an exciting career choice, offering a huge variety of opportunities for highly skilled and ambitious people. I am concerned that not enough is being done in schools or by careers advisers to promote careers and opportunities in the sector."

"Agriculture is a global industry that uses cutting-edge technology, innovates constantly and makes important contributions to the national economy. In Wales alone nearly

60,000 people are employed either full time or part time on farm holdings and the sector is also the cornerstone of the £6.1 billion Welsh food and drink supply chain industry."

Nicola, who also works part time for Bridgend's rural development team, said: "Farming and agriculture has a lot to offer and of course, we need a next generation of farmers."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Living independently
TeleV Project operates in the Vale and aims to improve quality of life by helping vulnerable people manage the risks of living on their own, with a simple easy to use device.

An adviser from the project will be available to demonstrate easy to use equipment on Tuesday, July 25 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; just go along, or call 01446 732385 for further information.

Epilepsy help
If you have epilepsy, or care for someone with this condition, you are not alone: support is available from Epilepsy Wales.

A local support group meets monthly from Thursday, July 27 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Barry, from 10am to 12pm.

Drop in for coffee and a chat and find out what support is available; talk to others in the same situation.

Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Tory AM asks: 'Why not upgrade road?'

A leading Conservative AM said this week that the Welsh Government has not yet made a business case for the proposed northern access road to St Athan.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central) said he has now received responses to written questions he put to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates AM.

Mr Skates argued that the case is "founded on the Welsh Government's commitment to delivering the aspirations of the Cardiff Airport and St Athan Enterprise Zone, of which the

Aerospace Business Park is a part."

Mr Skates also stressed that "an unconstrained access to the Aerospace Business Park is essential to allow it to compete on an international stage and maximise the associated economic benefits".

Agreeing with the sentiments expressed by Mr Skates regarding the enterprise zone, Mr Davies pointed out that he had failed to address suggestions by local people that upgrading the existing infrastructure would be sufficient.

The Welsh Tory leader urged as many residents as possible to attend the public meeting, organised by Llanmaes Community Council, on Tuesday, July 25 at 7pm at Llanmaes Village Hall

(see public meeting story, also in The GEM).

The application for the road will go before the Vale Council's planning committee in September.

Mr Davies added: "While I fully support the St Athan Enterprise Zone, and believe we must do everything to make it the best success it can be, there are legitimate local concerns regarding the proposed northern access road.

"Many local people have suggested there is no business case – and upgrading the current infrastructure would be sufficient.

"In his latest response, the Cabinet Secretary has failed to address these concerns, and this is disappointing to say the least."

Bridgend College annual awards



Bridgend College annual award winners 2017.



Dewi Davies, winner of Learner of the Year in Construction (award sponsored by Jehu Group) and winner of the Bridgend College Award for Commitment to Study.

BRIDGEND College held its 2017 annual awards evening at the Best Western Heronston Hotel and Spa at the end of June.

In addition to the award sponsors, Sony UK Technology Centre, Pencoeed was the event sponsor and also sponsor of the Award for Learner of the Year in Sport.

In addition to celebrating achievements of the learners, the 2016 Estyn Inspection judgement of 'Double Excellent' was celebrated, along with many outstanding accolades the College has received this academic year.

The celebrations were joined by Madeleine Moon MP, Chris Elmore MP, Huw Irranca-Davies AM and local councillors Huw David and Charles Smith.

Of the 21 learners receiving departmental awards, two received additional awards: Dewi Davies, Learner of the Year in Construction received the Award for Commitment to Study, while Tomas Roberts,

winner of the Weston House Award, received the College Learner of the Year award.

Tomas previously attended Heronsbridge School, and has been a full-time student at Bridgend College while living in the college's specialist residential provision, Weston House. Having first studied the Level 1 Work Skills course, his exceptional drawing skills and knowledge of films and cartoon characters were noticed and he progressed to mainstream study.

This year, he achieved Level 3 Extended Diploma Interactive Media and has been offered a place at the University of South Wales this September.

Tomas said: "The College has not only helped my education but also helped my socialisation and my independence. The teaching was excellent and my support has been outstanding."

Kath Jones, manager of Weston House, said: "We feel Tom's success is exceptional and that he personifies the vision of Weston House and the College to 'be all

that you can be'."

Tata Steel received the Employer Partnership Award, recognising their long-standing relationship with the College, with their sector-leading collaborative approach to delivering the apprenticeship programme.

The host for the evening was presenter and journalist Frances Donovan. Students from the performing arts department performed at the opening and closing of the event.

The College thanks the award sponsors: Best Western Heronston Hotel and Spa; Bridgend College Day Nursery; Business in Focus; Cheryl Board, former Bridgend College governor; Easyway Minibus Hire Ltd; Engage Training; Gilmor Hair and Beauty Products; Graham Paul Chartered Accountants; Halo Leisure; Howells Network Systems Ltd; Jehu Group; Renishaw; Innovis and Sony UK Technology Centre, Pencoeed.



Tomas Roberts, winner of the Weston House Award (sponsored by Easyway Minibus Hire Ltd) and winner of the Bridgend College Learner of the Year with Huw Irranca-Davies AM, Suzanne McCabe, his learning support assistant and Chris Elmore MP.

POLICE IN MAESTEG HELP TACKLE DOMESTIC ABUSE

A MULTI-agency number of local initiative to events and encourage increased awareness and reporting of domestic abuse throughout the Maesteg area is seeing positive results, following a

domestic violence incidents in the Pyle area were reported to health professionals, but not to police between January and March.

In an attempt to tackle the issue, sector officers teamed up with officers from the Public Protection Unit (PPU), along with a range of partners to encourage the reporting of domestic abuse, not only by victims but also via third parties.

A recent awareness session at Pyle Life Centre which targeted professionals, who may come into contact with potential victims and are well-placed to spot early signs of violence, was well-attended by representatives from schools, family support workers and youth workers.

They were given advice from the South Wales Police teams as well as an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor (IDVA), NSPCC and Hafan Cymru about what to look out for and ways of safeguarding individuals and reporting concerns.

Members of the public were also targeted as part

of the initiative, with partners joining Pyle Neighbourhood Police Team at several community events to spread the message that their friend, neighbour, customer, or acquaintance could be a victim.

Sergeant Nick Jones said: "It was extremely concerning to us when we learned of the findings from the Commissioner's Office and Public Health Wales, and the issue of under-reporting appeared to be particularly prevalent in the Pyle area.

"It may well be that some people don't even realise that they are a victim, which is why it is so important that people working with families within our communities have the information they need in order to spot the tell-tale signs.

"The feedback from each event has been overwhelmingly positive and we plan to continue hosting these events in the future."

Anyone who has concerns about domestic abuse is urged to contact 101, or Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Mental health walks to raise awareness with The King!

PORHCRAWL'S Elvis Festival, the largest of its kind in the world, is staging a series of walks in September to raise awareness of mental health problems.

Organisers of the festival, which has been running for 14 years and attracts more than 30,000 people to Porthcawl every year, want to get the nation talking about mental health and how it affects families.

Peter Phillips said: "We are really excited to be working with Mind Cymru to raise awareness of the issues families face when a member suffers from mental health problems. Having a supportive employer is particularly important, and I'm glad to say that some of the most supportive companies in Wales will be taking part in the walk.

"My daughter suffers from schizophrenia disorder. Her community mental health team is amazing but occasionally I'll get a phone call and

have to drop everything to help out. I'm lucky because I'm my own boss, but it's made me realise how important it must be for people like me to have a supportive employer."

The walks will take place from Tuesday, September 19, and will cover 90 miles in six days, starting in Chepstow and finishing at the festival in Porthcawl. Along the way there'll be stops in Newport, Cardiff Bay, Rhosce, and Porthcawl.

Walkers can join in any part of the walk for as long as they like, from one mile to all 90.

Sara Moseley, director of Mind Cymru, said: "I'm really pleased that the Elvis Festival is raising awareness of such an important issue. We know that friends and family can find it really difficult and often don't know how best to support their loved ones."

Peter added: "We are looking for companies and organisations who want to put a team into one of the legs;

individuals who want to take part, either for a whole day, half a day or just to 'Walk a Mile in Their Shoes'; or Elvis fans just to turn up at the 'pop-ups' or end-of-walk gigs to support everyone taking part.

"We will be staging 'pop-up Elvis gigs' along the route and finishing

each leg with a 'big old Elvis party'. It's going to be a fantastic week of fun and we can't wait to get started."

For more information email walk@elvies.co.uk or visit www.elvies.co.uk/walka-mile.php?Action=Walka-mile.

'How do politicians find the time to do any work?' - READER

I WELCOMED the return of Chris Elmore's snidey splenetic column to your newspaper, and was equally pleased to see Mr Elmore and his possibly inseparable party colleague, Huw Irranca Davies, out and about in the community, attending a festival and eating cake at Y Bont [The GEM July 13].

How do either of them find any time to do proper parliamentary

or Assembly work? Also, neither Mr Elmore nor Mr Irranca Davies even represent the constituency in which Y Bont is situated.

That falls to Madeleine Moon (Parliament) and Suzy Davies (Assembly).

Y Bont is, of course, free to choose whomever it wants to attend its functions, but if one is having politicians attend a function, at least have them from that constituency.

Adam Wrent, Bridgend.

UN award for local school

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore joined Chris Coleman in congratulating Garth Primary School at a recent award ceremony at the school.

The two awards, the 'Healthy Schools Scheme Quality award' and the Unicef 'Rights Respecting School award', were given to the school at a ceremony that included a speech from Wales manager Chris Coleman who was joined by coach Kit Symons in a

Q&A sessions with the pupils.

Mr Elmore said: "The school has worked incredibly hard for 15 years to be awarded this fantastic award. Pupils, staff and governors deserve a huge amount of credit."

He added: "It was great for Chris Coleman and Kit Symonds to come to Garth and speak to the pupils with president of FAW, David Griffiths. It's a fitting reward for a brilliant achievement and a great way to end the summer term."

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Relocation and investment for Mobile Mini



Staff at the new site.

THE Bridgend branch of Mobile Mini – a lender of portable site accommodation and secure storage containers – has relocated. A spokesperson said this “signalled the company’s commitment to south Wales”.

The move, to Caradog Road in Bridgend Industrial Estate, follows investment of nearly £900,000, after a period of significant growth within the south Wales area for the company, which has 16 branches nationwide, from Glasgow to Southampton.

A spokesperson for Mobile Mini said: “Having outgrown its original site due to a significant surge in demand for its services over recent years, Mobile Mini’s new Bridgend branch will offer many advantages to its customers, such as quicker turnaround times and great product availability, while also allowing the company to maintain its reputation for excellence in customer service.”

Housed on a four-acre site, the new branch consists of modern office units, two workshops with modern spray-painting equipment, shot blasting facilities, improved storage space for units, parking bays for delivery vehicles and an enhanced self-storage facility.

All 19 employees have relocated from the original site.

Ian Park, branch manager at Bridgend, said: “Everyone is delighted with the new branch, as the office employees have new offices to work in and the yard staff have new workshops, enabling them to work more efficiently and effectively.”

Speaking about the growth currently experienced by the company, MD Chris Morgan, said: “These are exciting times at Mobile Mini, as we are going through this period of investment and growth.”

“South Wales is an area where we have seen strong growth and this relocation will help sustain that growth.”

Clean slate for church roofing tile scribes

A local lad commits his thoughts to posterity.

THE parishioners at St James’s Church in Wick are inviting the local community to ‘put it on the slate’, but no one will be going into debt or owing any money.

Rather, villagers are being asked to write their prayers and personal messages on the underside of slates, as the parish church is re-roofed.

Work on the project is underway and will continue over the coming weeks.

July 8 was a beautiful day for a fundraising garden party, hosted by Church Council member Phil Davies and his family, with 150 people coming together to enjoy cake stalls, competitions, prizes and a great afternoon of fellowship. The Llantwit Major Ukulele Band provided the musical accompaniment and a lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Almost 100 people pledged to write their messages on slates that were available on the day. More slates will be available over the next couple of weeks for people to write their personal messages.

The new roof is expected to keep the church windproof and weather-tight for the next century and more, so the messages on the slates will provide a unique insight into the community of Wick in 2017, for those of future generations when they come to repair the roof next time around.

Parish priest Father Craig Vaughan commented: “The garden party was an excellent event that helped towards raising funds for the re-roofing and the idea for ‘putting it on the slate’ is already gaining momentum



within our growing village community and the surrounding area. What is wonderful as well is to have the continued support and enthusiasm of the pupils and staff at Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary whose messages have been inspirational.”

The re-roofing of St James’s Church is a major project and has been made possible thanks to the generosity of local people. St

James’s Church Council is also very grateful to the grant-making bodies who have supported the project, including The Listed Places of

Worship Repair Fund, The National Churches Trust, The Bishop Radford Trust, The Wolfson Foundation and the All Churches Trust.

If you would like to ‘put it on the slate’, please visit www.wickchurch.wales.

FATHER CRAIG VAUGHAN

Will (5) has Coity Castle design prize in the bag!

A YOUNG artist’s picture of Coity Castle will be seen by thousands of shoppers, after he won a bag design competition run by Tesco in Bridgend.

Will, aged five of St Robert’s Catholic Primary School, Aberkenfig, also won £500 for his school and a £25 gift card for himself. More than 500 children throughout the area entered the competition, to draw a picture showing what they love about Bridgend.

His winning poster has been transferred onto thousands of limited edition hessian bags, which are being given away in store.

The competition was organised by the Tesco superstore on Brewery Lane, said a spokesperson, “as part of its commitment to



The winning design of Coity Castle.

encourage community involvement.”

Tesco Bridgend store manager Catherine Hill said: “We got a great response to our I Love Bridgend competition and we really loved

Will’s picture of Coity Castle, especially as he’s only five!”

“The new bags look fantastic and we are sure they will be well received by our customers.”

St Robert’s headteacher, Carmen Beveridge added: “The pupils loved researching the local area and then drawing what they love about Bridgend.”

“The staff and pupils

can’t wait to see Will’s design on the Tesco bags being used throughout the borough.

“Many thanks to Tesco for the prize of £500, it is greatly appreciated.”

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Twinkle Twinkle Little Star – with bells on!

IT was almost standing room only at the July meeting of Southerndown WI.

President Lyn welcomed everyone, including a potential new member, Sally, before updating the group on future events and gave the travel details for the forthcoming trip to Lacock Abbey.

The date for the Link meeting has been changed and it will take place in the Church Hall, St Brides Major, on Tuesday, October 17.

The guests for the evening were Catwg Hand Bells who were accompanied by their compere, Irene. The Bell Ringers played a variety of tunes from ‘Daisy,

Daisy’ to ‘Calon Lan’ and between each tune, Irene supplied information about the group’s history, where their 27 hand bells came from and where different types of bells are made, and kept us laughing throughout the evening.

Irene then asked eight members of the WI to try out bell-ringing-by-numbers. The rendition of ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’ had to be heard to be believed!

By the end of the evening, the group imagined they were at the last night of the Proms as they waved flags and pompoms and sang ‘Land of Hope and Glory’.

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Llansannor Primary School pupils.



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THE annual 'Leavers Service' for pupils at primary schools in the Cowbridge Benefice area took place last week.

Holy Cross Church was packed with year-6 pupils – all of whom will be moving on to secondary school in September – the majority going on to

Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

The introduction and call to worship was given by the Rev Stephen Adams.

Readings were given by Rev Robert Coyne, and by Rev Suzanne Brumwell.

The service was organised by Churches Together in Cowbridge.



ABOVE: Llangan Primary School pupils.



ABOVE: Pupils from Llanfair Primary School.



Pupils from St David's Primary School, Colwinston.



ABOVE: Pupils from St Nicholas Primary School.



(Left to right): Rev Suzanne Brumwell, Rosemary Samuel, Mr Robert Vaughan, the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Sian Vaughan, Rev Robert Coyne.



ABOVE: The school pupils from St Bride's Major.

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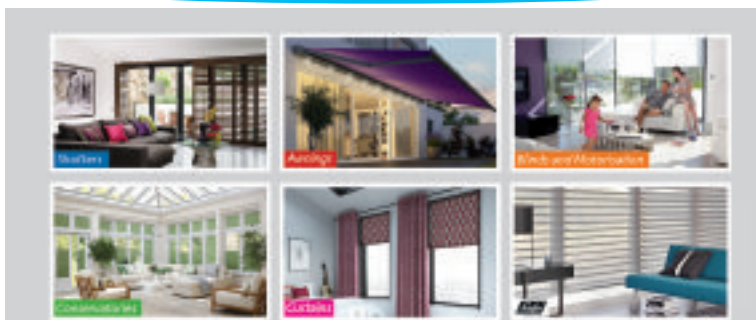
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Funeral service at Barry Crematorium on Friday, 28th July at 11am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired to Noah's Ark c/o A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.

TUCK

Christopher

Peacefully on 11 July at Llandough Hospital, Christopher Norman (Chris), aged 93 years of Barry. Dearly loved husband of Rosa (Rose). A loved father of Brian and father-in-law of Jan. Cherished grandad of Jonathan, brother of Beryl and brother-in-law of Cliff.

Chris will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A. G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Thursday, 27 July. Funeral service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium where family and friends please meet at 1pm. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Cancer Research.

ROGERS

Mary Elizabeth (Betty)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth on July 6th, Betty of Churchfields, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Ron, much loved mum of Nicholas, mother-in-law of Susan. Betty will also be sadly missed by Dianne and David Evans.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, July 25th at 11am.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers, if desired to Diabetes UK.

MANN-COBBAERT

Bertha

Peacefully after a short illness at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry on July 10th with her only daughter Deborah at her side. Bertha, aged 90 years, dearly beloved wife of the late Joseph William Mann.

Bertha will be sadly missed by all her family and friends in Belgium.

Deborah would like to thank the staff at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry for all the loving care given to her mum Bertha. Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, July 21st at 5pm. Family flowers only, donations, in lieu of flowers, if desired to The Alzheimer's Society.

CHAMBERLAIN

Stanley (known as Jack)

Peacefully on Thursday, 29 June 2017, aged 95, Jack formerly of Colwyn. Beloved husband of the late Esme, much loved father of the late Pat, deeply missed father-in-law of Barry and his wife Liz and dear grandfather of Morgan and step grandfather of Savannah and York, friends with the walking group the 'Ramblers'. We will all miss him to talk to, listen to his wisdom and argue with. A very special person indeed.

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JENNINGS

David John

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Funeral service at Barry Crematorium on Friday, 21st July at 4pm.

HAMLETT

Iris Maud

Peacefully on July 2nd at Bellavista Nursing Home, Barry, Iris, much loved gran to Peter, Nick, David and Jaclyn. Adored Granny 'I' to all her great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Loving sister of Alan, Wyndham, Colin and Lillian.

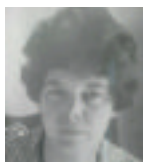
She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Iris is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, July 26th at 11am. Flowers are welcome to be sent to the funeral home. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Ben Hartery - 01446 407962

DAVIES

Joan Howard

(Children's author Joan Drake)



b.27/12/1924 d.11/7/2017

The children's author Joan Drake has passed away aged 93. Born and brought up on Merseyside, it was whilst seriously ill and confined to bed as a teenager that she began her published writing career.

She lived most of her adult life married to vet Emyr Davies in Barry, South Wales. During the fifties, sixties and seventies she brought joy to many young readers with books including Sally Seal, The Jiggle Woggle Bus, the Mr Grimpwinkle series, Mr Bubbis and Mr Deggas stories and Miss Hendy's House. Her books were illustrated by such names as Shirley Hughes and Val Biro, amongst others, as well as being translated to other languages. Latterly she had suffered ill health and moved back to Merseyside to be near family. Her funeral will take place at Landican Crematorium, Birkenhead, Wirral on Friday 28th July at 2.30pm.

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SEARLE

Jim

Peacefully at Axbridge Nursing Home, formerly of Llantwit Major, Jim, passed away, aged 83 years.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the church service at St Illtud's Church on Wednesday, 26th July 2017 at 1pm and afterwards at Boverton Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if wished (cheques only) to Cancer Research UK c/o funeral director.

HARRISON

Captain Edward Brian

Peacefully on 9th July 2017 at Llandough Hospital, Captain Edward B. Harrison of Barry, aged 83 years. Beloved father of Michael and Christian. Grandfather of Steven, Sheriah, Jordan and Sam and husband of the late Patricia Harrison.

Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service on Thursday, 20th July at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Barry, followed by cremation at Barry Crematorium at 3pm and afterwards the wake will be held at the Sea View club, Dock View Road, Barry.

THOMAS

Eric Winston

Eric Winston Thomas sadly lost his battle with cancer on Friday, 14th July. Beloved husband of Rose, adored father of Bethan and Menna, doing 'Cu' of Iwan, Gracie, Dewi and Rhodri. The family would like to extend a warm invitation to celebrate his life on Thursday, 27th July at 1.30pm at Bethel Baptist Church in Llantwit Major, 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium and afterwards at The Great Barn, Rosedew Farm.

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Passed away peacefully after a short illness on Thursday, 29th June at Barry Hospital. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Claire, step-children Ffion, Iwan and Lowri and his siblings Chris, Stephanie and Georgina.

A short service will be conducted by the Rev. Heather Weddell at the United Free Church, Cowbridge on Monday, 24th July at 12.45pm, followed by cremation at The Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium (Barry Crematorium) at 3pm.

The family respectfully request that no flowers be sent but would welcome and gratefully appreciate donations to, IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare), 87-90 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7UD and the Dogs Trust Bridgend, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.

CHAPLIN

Margery Mary (Née Fisher)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on Sunday, 9th July, Margery, aged 90 years of Barry. Beloved wife of the late Tom, much loved mum of Susan and Gareth, mother-in-law of Stephen and Alison, loving grandma to Huw, Claire, Richard, Stuart and the late Paul. Adoring great-grandma of Ceri, Zoe, Lucas, Chloe and Sophie.

Margery will be sadly missed by all of her family friends and neighbours.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 26 July. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium where family and friends please meet at 12 noon. The family would like to thank the staff at Llandough Hospital for their support and kindness during Margery's final weeks. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Alzheimer's Research or British Heart Foundation.

HUGHES

Donna Katrina

Suddenly on the 13th July at Llandough Hospital, Donna of Llantwit Major, devoted wife of the late John, loving Mother to Jo, Nathan and Helen, much loved grandmother, sister and mother-in-law. Donna will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral service Tuesday, 25th July at St Illtyds Church, Llantwit Major at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon. No flowers by request, donations, if desired, to Lung Research Fund 9504 c/o Dr Ben Hope-Gill at Llandough Hospital, Penlan Road, Llandough, CF64 2XX.

DAVIES

Jennifer (Jen)

Peacefully on 4 July at Springbank Nursing Home Barry, Jennifer (Jen), aged 75 years of Galau Caredig, Gladstone Road, Barry. Well known for her charity collecting in Holton Road, Barry. Dearest sister of Val and the late Pat. A loved aunt of Olwen, Gareth and Tracey.

Jen will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Friday, 28 July. Service in the chapel at 2pm, followed by cremation at Barry Crematorium. Bright colours may be worn. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for British Legion.

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Dame Kelly's Trust helped Jodie get her life on track



Dame Kelly Holmes, Jodie Coupland and Philippa Tutiatt at the 'Get on Track' event in the Senedd last week.

A TEENAGER from Cefn Glas who has turned her life around thanks to an Olympic heroine, told her story in the Senedd last week.

By her own admission, Jodie Coupland's life wasn't going the way she wanted 18 months ago. She was in her final year at Ysgol Bryn Castell and didn't have any idea what she wanted to do after finishing school.

When she got involved with Wales' first ever 'Get on Track' programme, everything changed.

Run by the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust and supported locally by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), the Trust's flagship programme uses elite athletes as role models to help transform the lives of young people and inspire them to make more positive life choices.

Jodie was part of a group that was mentored by Wales women's rugby international Philippa Tutiatt. From their base at the Bridgend Life Centre, the group took part in a variety of activities and a range of new experiences to help bond them together as a group.

All the participants were aged between 16 and 24 years old and had faced challenges in their young lives. 'Get on Track' helped them brush up on interview techniques, learn how to write CVs, and get involved in volunteering.

Jodie returned from the course a much more focused and determined person, ready to achieve her goals. She has since gained a part-time job with Halo Leisure and has assisted Philippa Tutiatt on this year's programme in Maesteg, as well as helping other young people in Blaenau Gwent.

She recently told her story to representatives from several organisations after being invited to the Senedd by the first Minister and Bridgend AM, Carwyn Jones.

Jodie said: "Get on Track changed my life in so many ways and I could never thank Philippa and the rest of Dame Kelly's team enough for all the help and support they've given me."

"They are truly inspirational people - everyone needs an athlete mentor! I would definitely recommend the project to every young person if you want to go back into education, training, work or even need help with life skills. Whatever you need is on this course."

Jodie was joined in Cardiff Bay by Dame Kelly Holmes, who is keen for the 'Get on Track' programme to expand in other parts of Wales after its successful start in Bridgend county borough.

To date, the Kelly Holmes Trust has worked with over 400 world class athletes across the UK and supported

in excess of 300,000 young people facing disadvantage. Dame Kelly's vision is for the Trust to support over 10,800 more young people in Wales by 2020.

She said: "We believe that every young person in Wales - regardless of their past or current circumstance - has the potential to have a positive future."

"It can take just one special individual to help them realise the confidence and determination needed to succeed and the resilience to go again if barriers or challenges arise."

"That's why I'm so excited to see the impact of our work in partnership with BCBC and the potential we have to reach so many more thousands of young people facing disadvantage across Wales over the next few years."

Coun Huw David, the Leader of BCBC, said: "We were very proud to be the first local authority to host the Get on Track programme in Wales last year, helping young people from a range of backgrounds."

"Some had been in care, were homeless, or had been at risk of offending, while some were just increasingly facing challenges in finding employment or engaging in education."

"Within eight months of our first Get on Track programme, 72 per cent of the young people were in employment, education or training. The Get on Track course helped Jodie understand what she wanted to get out of life, and without it she wouldn't be doing what she is today. And there are many other success stories similar to Jodie's."

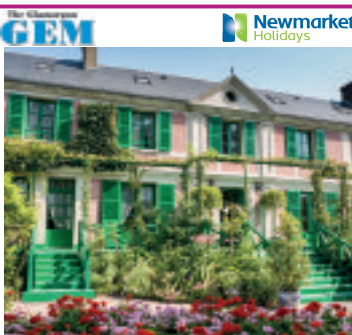
Helen Ridout, Jodie's former headteacher at Ysgol Bryn Castell, said: "Get on Track pushed Jodie outside of her comfort zone and helped her develop into a responsible young adult who is able to participate and make a positive contribution not just to her own life but to society too. We are extremely proud of the progress she has made. In the same way that her mentors have inspired her, we are now using her story to inspire our current pupils."

The first Bridgend County Borough 'Get on Track' programme was funded by the People's Postcode Lottery, and the launch of the programme in Wales was also made possible, thanks to a funding award from The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys.

Find out more at www.damekellyholmes.org.

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PLENTY OF COMPETITION AT THE ST ATHAN GOLF CLUB'S CAPTAIN'S DAY!

GARY BOHUN recently invited members of St Athan Golf Club to join him in participating in his Captain's Weekend, and several dozen members from all sections of the club competed in the 18-hole Stableford competition.



Win and loss for A team!

LLANTWIT MAJOR A Rumney A to a wet and windy game, curtailed to 18 ends by the weather.

bowlers had one loss and one win last week.

The stars of the show were Cen Williams, Geoff Timms, Dave Post and Mike Harmon who romped home 34-4, including a near 'hot-shot' of seven shots on the eighth end!

Next best performers were Ian Williamson, Ambrose Horgan, Les Fowler and Paul Brown who ended up winning by 26-5.

Our best performing rink was Ian Williamson, John Ball and John O'Brien, they enjoyed a close tussle and took one shot off each of the final two ends to secure a 14-14 draw.

Glyn Fox, Mike Jones and Geoff Timms also started and finished well but suffered a 'mid-innings' collapse, ending up losing 13-18.

Cen Williams, David Johnes and Eric Sparks started slowly but couldn't recover enough, eventually losing 12-19.

The worst performers of the evening were Graham Snowdon, Dave Post and team captain Paul Brown who were one shot up by the fourth end but faded away badly going down by 11-29. Thanks to Ogmre Vale for the pasties!

Saturday saw us welcoming

Next best performers were Ian Williamson, Ambrose Horgan, Les Fowler and Paul Brown who ended up winning by 26-5.

Ken Williams, Andy Vincent, John Ball and John O'Brien made steady progress emerging as winners by 18-13.

Dave Thomas, Graham Snowdon, Mike Jones and Pat Twomey had the tightest game eventually losing 12-13. The ladies produced a quality buffet which was much appreciated by both teams.

Players wanted
NEXT season's Llantwit Major AFC youth team are looking for players.

If you are interested in joining a team that is aiming for success this season, please contact Darren (07553 796975).

Cowbridge Bowls Club news round-up

THERE were fewer games this last week as rain on Tuesday resulted in the postponement of a Ladies Evening League game and a Men's Triples Evening League game. Also the men had a bye last Saturday.

There was action on Wednesday and Millwood provide the opposition in a men's Munro Cup game.

The visitors settled well on our green and eventually ran out winners on three of the four rinks.

For Cowbridge Bob Penn's rink of Terry Dunsforth, Mick Davey, Bryan Hole and Bob won 20-11, earning two points.

Match score: Cowbridge 53, Millwood 68.

On Thursday it was Millwood again,

this time for the ladies playing at Millwood.

Cowbridge won on one rink, drew on one rink and lost on the other. Millwood won overall by just one shot.

Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Corrie Bufton, Jan Lewis and Sue Flower 17-17; Janet Morton, Pat Holdsworth, Sylvia Hole and Lynda Wilson 9-16; Caryl Davies, Sandra Collin, Joy Woolford and Joan Bradley 18-12.

Match score: Cowbridge 44, Millwood 45.

The men's section entered the 2 wood triples 'round-robin' Huw Meddins Cup last Friday.

Playing other clubs from the Vale, Cowbridge were represented by Gerry Lloyd, Colin Wilson and Bob Penn, winning two of their matches, and Dennis Snelling, Clive Pritchard and Roger

Barwick winning one match.

As a result Cowbridge were awarded six points. Barry Romilly came first with 7 points. Both clubs go forward to the next round on August 28.

Finally, whereas these regular reports are about competitions that run throughout the season, the club has much more to offer.

Some members just play socially and enjoy a few hours in the outdoors and make new friends.

If you are thinking of trying the game, free taster sessions are available. For further information, contact Mike Bradley on 01446 773289, or call at the club on a Friday evening between 6pm-8pm. You will find us behind the Leisure Centre!

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Llantwit Major youth rugby team is handed £750 windfall

A THRIVING youth rugby team in the Vale has received a £750 donation from a housebuilder.

Llantwit Major RFC Youth Team (LMRFC) offers training and matches for young men between the ages of 16 and 19, and has recently been awarded the donation from Persimmon Homes' 'Healthy Communities' campaign.

As spokesperson for LMRFC said that it would use the donation to purchase new equipment such as tackle bags, balls, cones and replacement kit.

Alan Holloway, of the club, said: "We are thrilled to receive this funding from Persimmon."

"Running a busy club like ours is very expensive. Donations like this are crucial to our existence. It's fantastic to see a successful local company giving back to the community."

A host of regional prizes of £750 are up for grabs each month for the rest of 2017, with amateur sports teams and individuals aged 21 years and under across south Wales eligible to apply for the Persimmon Homes East Wales awards. The money is to be spent on sports kit, equipment, coaching or facilities.

A shortlist of 30 will then be created for a national final to be decided on a public vote, with the winning club or individual receiving £200,000 to create a long-lasting legacy and two runners-up receiving £50,000 each.

The new fund is in addition to the £720,000 the company already donates through its Community Champions scheme each year.

To find out more, or to enter the Healthy Communities competition, visit www.persimmonhomes.com/charity. **AS**

Rhoose Lifeguards selected for Wales

R H O O S E Lifeguards are celebrating the success of six of their members being chosen to represent Wales.

The competition this year will be a Wales v Devon v Cornwall and will be held on Portreath Beach on Sunday, July 23.

Our members that are in the team of youth and seniors are Jack Giddings, Kelsea

Peterson, Ellie Peterson, Brooke Peterson, Jason Grice and Millie Wiggins.

These athletes train extremely hard through the winter months so they are in peak condition and ready to compete and patrol our beach during the summer months.

We are also very proud to have more members involved within the management team.

We have Lee Perry, team manager, Simon Perry, who organises the trials, and also Karen and Gareth Harris, who are heading up the senior

team. As a club, we feel great pride in what we can give to Surf Lifesaving Wales and will be proud to represent our country on Sunday.

We would like to thank all the coaches that train our members, as without these coaches and helpers, our members would not be able to make such great heights.

Finally, we would like to wish all our members competing and managing, the very best of luck in this competition. **VW**

Two wins for Murch bowlers

ON a busy weekend Murch Bowling club took on two home games.

On Saturday, July 15, Murch played Cyfartha Castle from Merthyr.

There were wins for Cyfartha on the rinks skipped by G.Howells and M.Jones, however, I.Williams from Murch and A.Moore from Cyfartha skipped their rinks to an exciting draw on the last end.

R.Mauchline skipped his rink to an annihilation of their opponents to secure a game victory for the Murch.

As usual despite the weather the games were played in a competitive but amiable atmosphere.

On the second day of the weekend Murch

bowling club hosted St Peters bowling club, and the Murch bowlers were in splendid form.

There were wins for the rinks skipped by R.Mauchline, I.Williams and club captain Mark Hughes.

However, St. Peters skip D. Norman guided his rink to a narrow victory.

As normal the games were played in a friendly but competitive manner. Two victories in two days was a splendid achievement and everyone should be congratulated.

If you want to play for the Murch bowling club please contact us on 02920 513396 - you are assured of a warm welcome. **TP**

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for July 17 are as follows:

First, Marjorie Morris and Linda Pinnock, 62.5 per cent; second, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best, 59.60 per cent; third, Andrea Waite and June Williams, 59.49 per cent. **LE**

Plenty of action at the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club!



Whiteflower Cup, mixed.



Whiteflower Cup winners.



Men's senior open winner.

Brooke (and Monty) shine again!

BROOKE LEWIS and her horse Monty have been out and about again!

After doing so well with their BSJA, Brooke decided to move onto something totally different, the working hunter class.

They had never even watched one of these classes before and Brooke had a little prep talk with Amy her teacher at AJT Equestrian, then went onto compete on Saturday, July 15 in the working hunter class at Trecastell Farm Show.

I was blown away with how Brooke and Monty rode; this perfect pair are growing stronger and stronger every time. They came away with two first places, a second place and a reserve champion.

Brooke was totally surprised with where she had been placed, as there were some very experienced older riders in her classes and she only took part "to give Monty a change".

Never in a million years did she think she was coming away with these placings for their first-ever working hunter classes; and theirs is an amazing achievement. **HL**



Sea View Lads monthly report

FISHING has been improving recently and many anglers have enjoyed excellent sport with smooth lads staying close inshore.

A small shark, the hound is an obliging fighting fish that often weighs over 10lb and sometimes double that - all are returned to return another day.

Swimmers need not worry - these sharks are not interested in people, preferring crabs and molluscs!

The doubles competition is being fiercely contested with

Steve Doble and Paul Crook leading Aida Harris and Kevin Sala by just 10lb overall!

Shore fishing is benefiting from the plentiful rays and hounds and Steve Davis recently landed a fine double figure hound to take the snowball pool.

A competition in the Plymouth region saw some excellent catches including bream - a rarity in these waters and overseas anglers continue to add to the expotic species members' have landed.

This is an excellent time to wet a line - get the rods out, and tight lines! **JC**

THE men and ladies at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club have plenty of opportunity to compete in their own competitions, and there is always a great social atmosphere when they join together to play in the mixed foursomes.

On Sunday, there was an exceptional number of entries in the Whiteflower Cup, and excellent scores in the Greensome Foursome format ensured a very close result.

In fact, it was the very last pair, of club president Colin Champ and his wife Sandra, who clinched the trophy with an impressive 41 points.

Waiting in the clubhouse for some time, were the runners-up, Martyn Rhys and Leslie Arnold, whose excellent 39 points led until the very last moment.

Club captain Dr Dai Dayananda thanked all the couples who had entered for their great support, and endorsed the players' comments that the condition of the

course continues to be presented at the highest level.

He thanked the green staff for maintaining the course to a high standard, which is widely accepted as being one of the finest in the region.

Wenvoe Castle is very keen to encourage to family membership and welcomes potential new members to visit the club and view the excellent facilities and play on the superb golf course.

Those new to golf are particularly welcome and details can be obtained from the club Secretary Tel 02920 594371.

Seniors' Open, July 12: Category A (55-64-years-old, 52 entries): 1st H Hitchcock 42 Wenvoe, 2nd Gary Forster 41 Wenvoe, 3rd Brian Close 39 Wenvoe. Category B (65-69-years-old, 55 entries): 1st M J Lewis 40 Wenvoe, 2nd T C Champ 39 Wenvoe, 3rd Martyn Rhys 38 Wenvoe. Category C (70-years-old and over, 72 entries): 1st Jim Card 39 Wenvoe, 2nd Brian Green 38 Wenvoe, 3rd R Sinden 38 Carmarthen. **BJ**

Penllyn Bridge Club

THE latest results at Penllyn Bridge Club are as follows:

Thursday, June 1, 15 pairs: first, John Hunter and David Stephenson 67.9 per cent; second, Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 59.47 per cent; third, Mansel Thomas and Mandy Meier 56.67 per cent.

Thursday, June 15, 21 pairs: first, Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 59.09 per cent; second, John Hunter and Cath Domican 58.06 per cent; third, Mike Baron and Brian Tucker 56.94 per cent.

Thursday, June 29, Robert Brown Cup, 17 pairs: first, Sally Kennedy and David Stephenson 68.57 per cent; second, Brian Tucker and Wayne Stephens 67.86 per cent; third, Helen and Mike Ruttle 64.64 per cent. **CN**

Flint's Bath winner

BATH racecourse is a great favourite of Vale trainer John Flint and last week, he saddled an 8-1 winner there when his five-year-old Henry Hudson Bridge, ridden by seven pounds claimer Jordan Uys, landed the one mile and two furlongs handicap.

It was a close finish, the official distances were a head and half-length.

Flint wasn't the only Welsh trainer to saddle a winner at the evening meeting as Ron Harris won with Union Rose, Robert Stephens was successful with Innoko and Milton Bradley scored with Burauq.

BRIAN LEE

Looking back to racing in 2003 with BRIAN LEE

THIS WEEK, The GEM's Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene for more than 50 years, takes another trip down memory lane.

'FIRST WIN FOR VALE RACEHORSE OWNER' was the heading in The GEM, dated August 7, 2003, and this is what I reported: 'Chocolate Soldier, a 25-1 outsider, ridden by Welsh jockey Christian Williams from Ogmore, made all the running to land the Stephen Billau & Sons National Hunt Flat race over two miles and one furlong at Sedgfield last week.

'The five-year-old, wearing blinkers for the first time, was a first-time winner for the Vale's Anthony Reid, a former point-to-point rider of note who will be associated with that good horse *Romany Park*, which he rode to victory in the 1970s.

'Chocolate Soldier, who won by 13 lengths from the odds-on favourite *Hirayna*, is trained by Llanrcarfan's Evan Williams, who said: "I bought the horse from Tom Tate for just 1,850 guineas at the Doncaster sales in May and what is particularly nice is that he's the first horse and winner for Anthony."

'Williams has held a trainer's licence for just a matter of weeks but he has already caught the attention of the racing world and we will surely be hearing a lot more from this former champion point-to-point rider in the future.'

Well, at least I was right on that occasion!

Evan wasn't the only one to get a write-up in The GEM that year as on November 20 I reported under the heading 'MARY'S FIRST WINNER' that: 'Mary Evans, mother of Llanrcarfan trainer Evan Williams, had her first win as a permit holder when *Lypharita's Risk* finished alone in a three horse novice chase at Ludlow last week. Mary, formerly from the Vale of Glamorgan but now based in Pembrokeshire with her second husband Bill Evans, is a former point-to-point rider who on one occasion in the 1970s became the first female to ride two winners at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at St Hilary when winning the members' race on *Rory M* and the ladies' open on *Underhill*.

'The latter beat the mighty *Mandryka*, Wales' most famous prolific point-to-pointer.

'*Lypharita's Risk*, ridden by Jason Mogford, looked destined for third place; the two horses in front

both fell. Still, the fences are there to be jumped! Welsh amateur rider Sam Thomas, who won the Paddy Power Amateur Riders' Handicap Steeplechase at the Countryside Alliance meeting at Cheltenham last Friday on the Venetia Williams-trained *Isonlyme*, has turned professional. *Isonlyme*, owned by Gwent's Mel Davies, was the brilliant 19-year-old rider's 10th win under Rules.'

(Incidentally, Sam went on to ride a Cheltenham Gold Cup winner).

'Apparently, a film is to be made about the Tenby *Oyster Maid* scandal of 1927, following a book which was published last year about Tenby races and in which the sting is mentioned. The author Richard Lawrence has signed a contract for the film rights.

My story of the *Oyster Maid* affair appeared in print in a racing magazine in the 1990s and later in a newspaper, which was picked up by a television company who made a film for HTV who featured it in their *Scandal* series a few years ago.'

(Well, dear reader, I took part in that television programme and my version of the *Oyster Maid* affair appears in my book *Racing Rogues: The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales*, published by St David's Press, with a rare picture of *Oyster Maid*).

Another item referring to Evan Williams which appeared in The GEM that year read: 'Another winner for Evan Williams' *Cherry Gold* was a 13-2 winner for Llanrcarfan trainer Evan Williams at Market Rasen last Sunday, August 3.

'The former prolific point-to-pointer and hunter chaser landed the Mr and Mrs Benson's Novice Hurdle race by 12 lengths from *Schoodic Point*. *Cherry Gold* was ridden by Christian Williams, who almost made it a double on Mr Nemo, also trained by Williams, in the novice chase. Unfortunately Mr Nemo had every chance until ducking out at the last hurdle when challenging the eventual winner, *Joe Cullen*.

'Congratulations to Chepstow trainer Milton Bradley on training his first group winner *The Tatling*. Milton, who recently had a hip replacement operation, was at Goodwood to see *The Tatling* get home by a neck in an exciting finish.

A week earlier Milton won the £40,000 Hong Kong Jockey Club Sprint Showcase race at Ascot with *Silviani*; and just for good measure, he had the third horse *Corridor Creeper* in the race as well.

• You can e-mail your racing news or views to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.



Vice-captain's prize day at Brynhill GC

On July 11, Brynhill Golf Club ladies vice-captain Sam Pascoe hosted her prize day competition.

The weather forecast was torrential rain all day but, for the majority of players the rain stayed away.

However, for our final two competitors, Gemma Evans and Clare Downton, the forecast was correct and they were welcomed onto the 18th green with cheers from the waiting ladies.

Sam was delighted that so many competitors returned in the evening for her presentation; she thanked everyone for participating, thanked the bar staff and thanked the greens staff for the excellent condition of the course.

The winners of the day were: Silver division winner, Jan Robertson with 39 points; bronze division winner, Andrea Page with 37 points. Both ladies were presented with beautiful Swarovski rings.

The nearest line competition on the seventh hole was won by Nicci Case who was so close to the line that somebody's ball would have had to be on the line to beat her.



Sam concluded the evening by inviting everyone to have some cheese, crackers and fruit while being entertained by Darren and Rich of the Scoundrels. LT

Bridgend's Aled is going for another gold in London

BRIDGEND'S Aled Davies won his third world title in the F42 discus in the World Para-Athletics Championships in London.

Davies, the London 2012 champion and world record holder, threw 51.54m to beat Tom Habscheid of Luxembourg and take the gold medal.

He said afterwards: "You've got to cherish these moments because you're not an athlete for ever."

"The team is so young – there's only a few of us originals as they call us from 2012 on the team. It's exciting to see some of the youngsters coming through."

"When I hang up my



Aled Davies has a second gold in his sights.

boots, I know there's going to be an exciting new youngster to come through and finish the job."

The 26-year-old can add gold in the shot put on Saturday; he is the defending Olympic and world champion.

Vale Badminton Club are looking to the future

THE Vale Badminton Club is one of the oldest clubs in the area having entered league teams for over 40 years.

Home venues have included RAF [now MoD] St Athan, Bridgend Police Club, Llantwit Major, Holm View, Cowbridge School and finally for many successful years at the Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

Players from all over south Wales have represented the club, some from as far afield as Swansea and even Pembroke.

Many have gone on to play at national/international level while many more have hung up their racquets and taken up more leisurely pursuits.

Following the successes of previous years, the season recently completed has been one of consolidation for the Vale Badminton Club.

Three teams were entered in the Cardiff South Wales League, one men's, one ladies' and one mixed team!

The men's team finished runners up in their division after some hard fought

matches.

Despite having suffered with short and longer term injuries to key players, the results confirmed that the reserves proved capable deputies.

The men's captain Chris Rowbottom and stalwart Glyn Morris showed their ability and determination as the team's backbone.

The ladies' team proved formidable in winning promotion from their division and now look forward to the challenges of the coming season in the higher division!

The mixed team had a mixed season! Nevertheless they ensured their position in the division for the coming season.

With the addition of some new members, the club aims to field an extra men's team in the season ahead.

The Vale Badminton Club play home matches at the welcoming Leisure Centre in Cowbridge on Tuesdays from 7.45pm-9.45pm.

New players are most welcome to attend in the coming months to prepare for the league season ahead.

AE

'Definitive biography of a tormented genius' released

ALUN GIBBARD'S Into The Wind: The Life of Carwyn James (published by Y Lolfa at £14.99) must surely be recognised as the definitive biography of the genius that was this tormented soul.

The two sides of his short life are explored in this fascinating book which contains new information and previously unpublished photographs of Carwyn, who wore the red rugby shirt of his country and coached not only the Lions, but also his club, Llanelli, to victory against the All Blacks.

This 432-page book – which is excellent value for money – discusses the time he stood for general election, his contributions to radio and TV broadcasting and much, much more.

The author, who is a full-time writer from Llanelli, who still takes

part in radio and TV programmes, interviewed more than a hundred people from Carwyn's four areas of interest and expertise. It also meant that he had long discussions with members of Carwyn's family.

In the world of rugby, Carwyn refused to go along with traditional rugby thinking and played into the wind every time.

And, as the author says in his preface: 'This book answers many questions, contains new information and offers definite conclusions. But I'm sure it leaves many questions unanswered. This fact may well be a reflection on the book itself for some readers, but the real tragic relevance of such a statement is that the lack of answers was a living reality for Carwyn when he left this world at 53 years of age.'

A truly remarkable book.

BRIAN LEE

TripAdvisor hat trick for Cottrell Park

COTTRELL PARK Golf Resort, has announced that it has received a TripAdvisor 'Certificate of Excellence'.

Founded in 2010, the achievement celebrates hospitality businesses that have earned traveller reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year.

Gaynor Openshaw-Smith, sales director at Cottrell Park Golf

Resort, said: "We are delighted to receive a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence in 2017, now our third year running to be awarded this accolade that honours businesses that deliver consistently great service."

The Certificate of Excellence takes into account the quality, quantity and recency of reviews submitted by travellers on TripAdvisor over 12 months.

BARRY RFC NEWS

THE lottery numbers this week were 06, 10, 16 and 18 - no winners again so the jackpot rolls over to £5,525.

A reminder that the club will host

Treharris in a pre-season friendly on Saturday, August 5, kick off at 2.30pm, followed by a home fixture on August 12 against Lydney, again with 2.30 pm kick off.

AJ

BUSY WEEK FOR THE MILLWOOD BOWLS CLUB

A very busy week of bowls ended with mixed fortunes for all Millwood teams this week.

Wednesday saw the Munro Cup side make the short journey to Cowbridge on a bright sunny evening ideal for a game.

After five ends the home side had built a solid lead of 22-14 shots; however slowly but shot by shot Millwood began to make inroads into the deficit and after 10 ends had turned this around

and now led 35- 32 shots.

With the rinks skipped by Peter Taylor, Brian Crockford and John Slee getting into their strides, this progress was maintained with Millwood winning 68-53, taking 12 points to Cowbridge's two. Commiserations to Gary Williams' rink who gave their all but had to concede on the evening.

A damp and drizzly Saturday saw the club side travel to Beddau for a Division 4 fixture.

After an even start Millwood trailed 11- 14 shots after five ends but slowly and surely the home side started to use their local knowledge and began steadily to build a solid lead on three of the rinks in play.

This was with the

honourable exception of Gary Williams and his rink who led from start to finish, thus avoiding a whitewash, the final score 67-43 to Beddau.

Meanwhile at Millwood, in not-quite bad weather conditions, the A side played Ystrad Mynach A in a Division 7 match.

Despite the inclement weather, after five ends the visitor had a one shot lead, 15-14, and after 10 ends increased the advantage to nine shots, 37-28.

Nevertheless everybody continued to give their best but in the end we had to concede to a team who handled the conditions better than we did, running out comfortable winners, 69-58, taking 12 points to Millwood's two.

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15 15 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCi Titanium AWD 5dr (180bhp), appearance pack, 19" alloys, Bluetooth, cruise, 20k, choice, half leather

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14 14 HONDA JAZZ 1.3 IMA Hybrid HST 5dr CVT automatic, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, alloys, 14k, black

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11 11 PEUGEOT RCZ 1.6 THP GT 2dr, 19" alloys, Bluetooth, pdc, 33k, met orange, full leather

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16 66 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line 3dr S-Tronic automatic (184bhp), sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, 18" alloys, 5k, met grey, half-leather

£8995

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14 64 FORD B-MAX 1.0 T Titanium 5dr (125bhp), Ford warranty Oct 2017, Bluetooth, cruise, 15k, white

£11995

14 63 MERCEDES A180 CDI AMG Sport 5dr, 18" alloys, cruise, DAB, Bluetooth, grey

£6295

14 14 FORD FIESTA 1.25 Zetec 3dr, Bluetooth, USB, 17k, choice

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16 16 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI N-Tec 5dr, panoramic sunroof, sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, pdc, 10k, met green

14 64 ABARTH 595 1.4 T-Jet Competizione 3dr, Abarth warranty Sep 2017, Bluetooth, alloys, 9k, white.....£12495

14 14 ALFA ROMEO GIULIETTA 1.4 TB MultiAir Distinctive 5dr (170bhp), Bluetooth, cruise, dab, 23k, black.....£9495

16 66 AUDI A1 1.0 T FSI SE 3dr, Audi warranty Oct 2019, advanced key, DAB, 2k, white.....£12995

14 14 AUDI A1 1.4 TFSI Sport 5dr, Bluetooth, dab, alloys, choice.....£11495

14 64 AUDI A1 1.4 TFSI Black Edition 3dr s-tronic automatic, cruise, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, choice.....£13495

15 15 AUDI A1 1.6 TDI SE 3dr, Audi warranty July 2018, DAB, 19k, black.....£11495

15 65 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI S-Line 5dr S-Tronic, Audi warranty Dec 2018, sat nav, Bluetooth, privacy glass, 7k, black.....£19495

16 16 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI Sport 5dr Nav 5dr S-Tronic automatic, Audi warranty March 2019, sat nav, privacy, cruise, 14k, choice.....£16495

16 66 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line 5dr, Audi warranty Nov 2019, sat nav, cruise, 8k, black, half leather.....£22995

11 11 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI S-Line Estate, sat nav, Bluetooth, silver, full leather.....£10995

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15 15 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI SE Technik Estate Multitronic, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, utopia blue, full leather.....£16995

15 65 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI Ultra SE Technik 4dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, DAB, met blue, full leather.....£15795

16 66 AUDI A4 ALLROAD 3.0 TDI V6 Quattro Estate automatic, pan roof, sat nav, head-up display, cruise, reverse camera, 4k, silver with full leather.....£35995

15 15 AUDI A5 2.0 TDI Black Edition Plus 2dr coupe, Audi warranty July 2018, sat nav, heated seats, 20k, grey, full leather.....£20495

16 66 AUDI A5 2.0 TDI Black Edition Plus Sportback S Tronic Quattro 5dr, Audi warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, 19" alloys, 10k, misano red, full leather.....£26995

16 16 AUDI A6 2.0 TDI Ultra SE Estate, Audi warranty July 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, 20k, blue, full leather.....£20995

16 66 AUDI TTS 2.0 TFSI 310 Quattro Coupe automatic, Audi warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, 19" alloys, 7k, yellow, full leather.....£31995

15 65 BMW 116 D ED Plus 5dr, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, privacy, 22k, silver.....£13995

15 65 BMW 116 D M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, sat nav, Bluetooth, 23k, silver.....£14995

13 63 BMW 118 D Sport Plus 2dr convertible, 18" alloys, USB, 21k, choice, full leather.....£13795

12 12 BMW 320 D Sport 4dr, heated seats, cruise, silver, full leather.....£11495

13 13 BMW 320 D Efficientdynamics 4dr automatic, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, grey, full leather.....£11995

13 63 BMW 330 D BluePerformance M Sport 4dr automatic (258bhp), widescreen sat nav, Bluetooth, 19" alloys, 29k, estoril blue, full leather.....£17995

15 64 BMW 330 D XDRIVE M Sport Gran Turismo 5dr automatic, BMW warranty March 2018, 19" alloys, sat nav, DAB, grey, full leather.....£21995

15 15 BMW 418 D M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, BMW warranty July 2018, M Sport+ pack, sat nav, 19" alloys, reverse camera, 7k, black, full leather.....£23995

15 15 BMW 420 I Sport 2dr coupe (184bhp), BMW warranty May 2018, service pack, sat nav, xenons, white, full leather.....£17995

15 65 BMW 420 DXDRIVE D M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr, BMW warranty Oct 2018, pro sat nav, 19" alloys, Bluetooth, choice, full leather.....£22995

14 64 BMW 430 D M Sport 2dr coupe automatic (258bhp), BMW warranty Oct 2017, sat nav, 19" alloys, 17k, estoril blue, full leather.....£22995

15 15 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), BMW warranty April 2018, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, choice, full beige leather.....£19995

13 13 BMW 640 D M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, service pack, 20" alloys, soft close doors, sat nav, Bluetooth, 20k, black, full white ivory leather.....£28995

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14 64 CITROEN C4 Grand Picasso 1.6 E-HDI Airdream VTR+ 5dr ETG automatic (7-seater) Citroen warranty Feb 2018, Bluetooth, 16k, white.....£11995

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15 15 FIAT 500 1.2 S 3dr Start/Stop, Bluetooth, pdc, 14k, half-leather, choice.....£6995

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14 63 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCi Titanium X Business 5dr, sat nav, cruise, full leather.....£9995

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14 14 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI Premium 5dr AWD, Hyundai warranty June 2019, sat nav, rev camera, heated seats, 37k, silver, full leather.....£16995

15 65 JAGUAR XE 2.0 D Prestige 4dr, Jaguar warranty Dec 2018, sat nav, cruise, DAB, heated seats, black, full leather.....£18495

15 64 JAGUAR XF 3.0 D S Premium Luxury 4dr automatic (275bhp) Jaguar warranty Feb 2018, 20" alloys, sat nav, heated seats, blue, full leather.....£19995

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14 64 MERCEDES C300 CDI BlueTECH Hybrid Sport 4dr 7G Tronic plus (Premium Package), Mercedes warranty Dec 2017, panoramic roof, reverse camera, Bluetooth, xenons, heated seats, silver, full leather.....£19995

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14 14 NISSAN JUKE 1.5 DCI Visia 5dr, aircon, alloys, 24k, grey.....£8295

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14 14 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi ecoFLEX Design 5dr, sat nav, cruise, grey.....£8495

16 16 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi (170bhp) Ecoflex SRI VX-Line 5dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2019, 19" alloys, sat nav, cruise, DAB, privacy glass, 12k, met grey.....£13495

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15 15 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, appearance pack, Ford warranty March 2018, cruise, Bluetooth, privacy glass, 19k, choice, half leather



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16 16 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 5dr (170bhp), chilli pack, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, DAB, 10k, white



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14 14 FIAT 500 1.2 Lounge 3dr, pan roof, alloys, 15k, choice



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Fine day for captain Ray!



CAPTAIN'S day for The Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was staged last Thursday at a sunny St Athan Golf Club, where 35 members congregated to compete for excellent prizes provided by their captain Ray Thomas, whose late father Russell captained the society 23 years ago in 1994.

Also there to provide hospitality at the halfway point was the captain's wife, Lorraine Thomas, ably assisted by close friend Mrs Jayne Evans.

After a very enjoyable afternoon of golf played on a course which again was in excellent condition it seemed fitting that Brian Lakin, a long-standing family friend of the captain, was declared the winner when returning 37 stableford points.

Runner-up with 36 points was

David Williams followed by Tony McCarthy with 35 points.

Gwyn Thomas finished in fourth place with 34 points, one point ahead of Bryan Owen.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Bryan Owen, Keith Gibson, Hugh Williams and also Brian Lakin, who completed a very successful afternoon by also collecting the longest drive prize.

Tony McCarthy correctly guessed 27 balls would fail to make the journey home to collect a bottle of whiskey that raised £75 for Velindre cancer care unit.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, at St Mellons Golf Club, when members will be participating in the annual pair's competition kindly sponsored by the Maesglas Veterinary Group.

TMCC



Centurions face Penarth in friendly

AFTER Sully Centurions' first and second XI league matches against Machen were called off due to a bereavement at Machen, a hastily arranged friendly was played against a joint Penarth third and fourth XI team at Burnham Avenue.

On a drizzly afternoon, Centurions batted first and were soon in trouble with the loss of some early wickets.

With Sully at 33 for 3 Penarth had the upper hand, but a fourth wicket stand of 40 between Josh Bryan and Mike Oatridge steadied the ship, with Oatridge scoring an unbeaten 50 (his first for the club).

The middle and lower

order also put some impetus into the batting, with Jake Griffith hitting 42 not out and the Centurions innings closed on 219 for 7.

The visitors' innings got off to a disastrous start, with Tarv Dhanjal taking two wickets in the first over.

But a third wicket partnership of 68 between Van Dyke and Grossfils steadied the ship for Penarth. Grossfils went on to hit 55, reaching his half century with a six.

However, with Centurions using 10 bowlers, the wickets began to fall and the required run rate started to climb.

In the end the final score of 162 for 7 was well short of the target.

Sully Centurions 219-7, Penarth 162-7.

MF

Barrivale Bridge Club results

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for Tuesday, July 11:

The winners were: 1. Simon & Debbie Richards 66.67%, 2. Mike Close & Mick Green 57.29%, 3. Peter Millar & Mike Best 54.69%.

Also, the handicap first place winners were June Reeves and Linda Houston.

As always, new members are welcome at

LH

The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League's new sponsor, Harry Asprou, was on hand to present singles champion Ceri Morris his silver cup.

This has been a great season for Ceri, winning the doubles with his partner John Farrugia and helping his team Billy United win the league.

In the final Ceri was to give in-form and county player Mark Ingram no opportunities to get any flow.

In the first frame Mark broke off, Ceri visited the table and cleared up. In frame two Ceri broke and cleared all in one visit, a feat he would also achieve in frame four.

By frame five it was all over for Mark in a cagey frame that could have gone either way. It was Ceri that would claim a deserved victory.

Last Sunday saw the much-anticipated game between Barry number one Chris Bardsley and county captain James Hill played at the Whitehill hotel.

Played in front of a packed and noisy crowd, the game would give the watching public what they had expected, with

neither player disappointing.

Both players made uncharacteristic mistakes, especially in frame six when Chris potted a great black, but the white hit the cushion and dropped into the middle pocket, giving James the frame.

In the end Chris managed to beat the plucky James 5-3, and Chris and Ceri will now represent the league at the Welsh championships in November held in Porthcawl - good luck to both.

The league's presentation night was held last Saturday at the King William IV pub, hosted by Dave and Jo who kindly provided the food and function room free of charge to the league, another kind gesture from them both.

The night would see the usual suspects - John Farrugia, Mark Ingram, winners of the scotch doubles - also collecting league winners trophies with Dan Roderick, Ian and Gary Robert, captain fantastic Anthony Mullins and the ever-smiling Martin Pring, with the Billy United team being laden with silverware.

Finnegans' Ian Doel, captain of the best supported team and by far the best fun in the

league, and Sean Kelly were rewarded with outstanding contribution to the league trophies.

Lawrence Klee and Ian Hill collected the cup for the Whitehill, which now takes pride of place above the bar. The biggest cheer of the evening was for the league's most improved player, and that went to Joel Ball.

First up to collect their break and dish trophy was Les Ashton followed by Ian Roberts, John Farrugia and the experienced Mike Dunn.

A great night was had by all; the raffle's main prize, the signed boxing gloves by Lee and Andrew Selby, was won by Jamie Cowell from the Three Horseshoes in Moulton. Thanks to all who sold and bought tickets.

The new league, sponsored by Asprou Barbers, Park Crescent, starts on Thursday, August 3. The league would like to thank sponsors Eze Drive, R&M Mobile Valeting and the King William IV for their generosity.

We are looking for players of all capabilities to join - please phone Anthony on 07568 444180 or text Joe on 07870 498738.

JB

Much-needed win for Athletic cricketers

ON Saturday Barry Athletic first XI travelled the short distance to Lysvane on a damp afternoon.

Captain Billy Usswald won the toss and decided to bat first and after the early loss of Saraiya, the rest of the batting applied themselves with some grace and sensibility as first Zeeshan and Ellis added 50 for the second wicket before Ellis was out for a fine 34 with 6 fours and 1 six.

Twenty-nine runs later Zeeshan was out for 33 which included 4 fours and 2 sixes; this brought Lee Morgan to join Nathan Baker and for the fourth time in six games they added a partnership of over 89, like last week the partnership was over 100 runs as they added 111 for the fourth wicket before Baker was out for 57.

This, along with a brisk 15 in nine balls from Lloyd Bruce that included 2 sixes, saw Barry rack up their highest total of the season, 236 for 7 in their 50 overs.

In reply Lysvane were soon in trouble as they lost Alcoat first ball caught behind by Baker off Anwar.

The first ball of the third over saw Curry brilliantly stumped down the leg side by Baker off Anwar also for 0.

Wickets fell at regular intervals as first Bruce and then Usswald got in on the act as they bowled 15 overs between them, taking 7 for 62 between them, with Usswald 4 for 15 and Bruce 3 for 47 as Lysvane were bowled out for 153, and a 83 run win and 20 much needed points.

Barry Athletic second XI entertained Blackwood on the Island in a game delayed until 3.30pm.

Blackwood batted first and reached 130 for 4 in their 20 overs with

Hurley 44 top scoring with young Wesley Baker taking 1 for 16 in his four overs.

In reply Barry reached 85 for 8 with Subramaniam (22) and Andy Ellis (17) the only scores of note, Shelton taking 3 for 20.

This week Barry Athletic first XI entertain Ponthir on the Island, with the second XI travelling to Ponthir.

On Sunday Barry Athletic second XI entertain Cardiff Gymkhana in a rearranged game - all games start at 12.30pm.

MR

BELLE Vue had their first Munro Cup win this season against Barry Millwood on July 5.

Two rinks lost and two won; all the rinks were a close-run thing.

Rink one won by one shot; 15-14, which was a real nail-biter. Lead was Dave Bradley, No. 2 was Richard Brant, No. 3 was Paul Paterson and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink two went down by two shots, losing 10-12. It was nip and tuck all the way, with Millwood the victors.

Lead was captain Frank Keen, No. 2 was Dave Rappitt, No. 3 was John Allen and skip was Barry Bagwell.

Rink three lost in another close encounter 14-15. Lead was new

kid on the block Mike Owens, No. 2 was Dave Smith, No. 3 was John Whitfield and skip was Dave Miller.

Rink four had the best win of the match, turning the score around to win 21-12. Lead was Colin Scammell, No. 2 was Gordon Ford, No. 3 was Len Fowler and skip was Les Aubrey. Well done, lads, for the first win.

A big thank you to Barry Millwood for their hospitality.

Belle Vue followed up their two good wins by making three on the trot winning in their biggest score of the season 100-46.

All four rinks won in a 12-point victory.

Rink one was won by a big margin 24-9. Lead was Gerry Field, No. 2 was Paul Booth; No. 3 was Barrie Bagwell and

FK

Murch meet in-form Windsor

ON Wednesday, July 12, the Murch Bowling Club visited the Windsor Bowling club in Penarth.

The match was played on a beautiful evening and on a splendid green.

The Windsor team were in fine form and there were wins for the rinks skipped by R. Hudson, P. Gooding and K. McLeod.

However, Murch's

R. Mauchline held M. Woodcock's rink to a very creditable draw.

The match was, as usual, played in a competitive and friendly manner and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

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BRIDGEND SPORTS RFC gathered ahead of the start of summer training for their club photograph at the Brewery Field, Bridgend.

It was an impressive sight as over 150 players from the age groups assembled on a summer's evening.

With training now in full swing for all age groups there is real excitement around. For the mini rugby teams, the season opens with a day out at their own rugby festival which is planned for Pencoed College on Sunday, September 3.

In addition to the rugby there will be a great range of activities available on the day ranging from golf, indoor activities inside the sports hall and animals on display to keep the little ones entertained.

Teams who wish to participate are urged to contact our tournament organiser via email - bsf@btinternet.com - as places are filling up fast; the deadline for entries is close.

All the junior teams have scheduled fixtures for the same day. New players are welcome to join the club in most age groups, it is an environment that is designed to promote learning, development and enjoyment with players all getting game time.

Please visit our Facebook page to contact us or email bridgendsportsminiandjuniors@gmail.com.

Alternatively you can turn up at training every Wednesday anytime between 6pm-7.30pm at the Bandstand Field, Newbridge Fields, Bridgend to find out more.

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CHLOE LANDS KARATE TITLE!



CHLOE GRAVELL of Cowbridge Comprehensive School (Year 7) is the 2017 Karate Wales Welsh Open Champion - Kyokushin Style Kata (Age 9-12 mixed category)!

Chloe is a committed and enthusiastic member of Cowbridge Karate Jutsu Kai, a long-established local organisation which is currently thriving.

Aside from her own training, Chloe also volunteers her time to assist with teaching the junior class.

The Karate Wales Welsh Open Championships were held at Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Centre on June 25 and spectators were treated to an exceptional performance resulting in a well-deserved gold medal for Chloe.

The performance was echoed by a number of

Karate competitors with a fantastic overall tournament placing of sixth out of a total of 28 competing organisations from the UK and Ireland. Cowbridge Karate is currently headed by Shihan (Master) Roger Nevens, 5th Dan, who is a former Cowbridge Comprehensive student. New member enquiries are always welcome and further information is available on the club website, www.cowbridgekarate.com, or Facebook page - well done Chloe!

Training starts at Cowbridge RFC

COWBRIDGE RFC pre-season training starts this Thursday, July 20, at 7pm, the emphasis at this stage on building fitness and skills.

The club have entered the Tondy Sevens on August 5 followed by a warm up match on August 19 against Cefn Cribwr.

The season starts with the first game on September 2 away to Wattstown. Come down and get involved, you will be very welcome and coaches Leigh Davies and Dan Williams will be delighted to see you.

It was wonderful to see the club full for the Lions tests - thank you to all who came down and made for an electric atmosphere. Well done to the players and coaches for great theatre and a wonderful tour and test series.

RR/RV

Cowbridge club's title are hopes dented – without even playing!

IF last Saturday you had seen a dark-haired young man reciting Hamlet's soliloquy and giving the 'slings and arrows of outrageous fortune' sentence special emphasis, it's highly likely that you were in the company of Cowbridge Cricket Club's first XI captain, Chris Willey.

What outrageous

fortune had befallen our leader? Quite simply the first XI's chances of winning the First Division took a major blow at the weekend and there was nothing they could do about it.

The fixture at Gowerton was called off due to rain, but the three main rivals all managed to get on the field, with Llanelli winning against bottom club Merthyr to take the league lead.

Although Bronwydd and Aberdare both lost, there are now 31 points, a full win and more,

between Llanelli and Cowbridge.

The reason for Cowbridge's task to achieve promotion now being all the more difficult, lies in the way match points are divided up.

If a game is cancelled due to rain, the two teams involved are awarded just four points. Should another team play and win, they might get 28.

Llanelli have played 12 matches and Cowbridge 10. That represents a possible 48 more points available to

Llanelli – and they have taken advantage of the opportunity to now lead by 31 points.

The seemingly paltry recompense for being involved in a cancellation, is designed to encourage clubs to make every effort to play rather than not.

There are those who feel the differential to be 'outrageous' and while it is the same for all the effect is unfair.

A wet Saturday did at least provide the opportunity to examine some more of the documents and pictures that Mrs Betty Alden has discovered.

A look at the 1924 accounts give us a glimpse of how things were organised. On the receipt side there were donations reaching £25/16/- but the whist drive and dance made £28/12/- quite a night we suspect! Interestingly the ground was grazed in winter for

£2/10/-.

If Paul Freeman, the current treasurer, sometimes has to wonder what a bank receipt refers to or so forth, in 1924 the treasurer of the time had to deal with accounting for the horse!

The animal, used to pull the outfield mower and various rollers, wearing shoes to avoid scuffing the turf, cost £7 but shoes alone were £3/8/-.

To make chairman Hugh Williams a happy man, there was also a cost of £1/10/- for cleaning ditches.

Notwithstanding the horse, it's quite amazing how so little has changed over the years - when shall we stage a whist-drive?

Or, perhaps, for Chris Willey's sake, a recitation of the highlights of Shakespeare's biggest hits?

JRB

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